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Jim Schlaman is the new CEO of PACE of Southwest Michigan, based in St. Joseph, a service that helps older adults stay in their homes.

Here to serve

New CEO of PACE of Southwest Michigan is ready to lead

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Jim Schlaman got into health care to serve.

“And 30-plus years later, that continues to be my goal,” he said this week. “Wherever the good Lord wants me to serve, that’s what I’m here for.”

Schlaman is the new chief executive officer of PACE of Southwest Michigan, a program based in St. Joseph that helps coordinate care for older adults so they can stay in their homes.

Prior to taking the position in late November, Schlaman served as the chief operating officer of Lakeland Hospital,

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Niles. Previously, he served as executive director of diagnostic services and executive director of post-acute care, also at Lakeland.

Schlaman, 54, grew up in the Detroit area and has occupational therapy degrees from Loma Linda University and Western Michigan University. He also has a graduate certificate in health care

administration from Western.

He came to the west side of Michigan in 1990 for a job with Lakeland, when it was Mercy Memorial Hospital.

“I set out to be the best therapist I could be, but these leadership and management doors began to open early in my career at Lakeland, and so I walked through them and had a variety of roles throughout the years, and a tremendous amount of opportunity,” Schlaman said.

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman recently spoke with Schlaman about his new role at PACE and what he envisions for the organization.

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House approves Trump’s \$2,000 checks, sending to GOP-led Senate

By LISA MASCARO
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted overwhelmingly Monday to increase COVID-19 relief checks to \$2,000, meeting President Donald Trump’s demand for bigger payments and sending the bill to the GOP-controlled Senate, where the outcome is highly uncertain.

Democrats led passage, 275-134, their majority favoring additional assistance,

but dozens of Republicans suddenly joined in approval, including U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, of St. Joseph. While Democrats favored bigger checks, Congress had settled on smaller \$600 payments in a compromise over the big year-end relief bill Trump reluctantly signed into law. The president’s GOP allies opposed more spending and Trump’s push puts them in a difficult spot.

The vote was a stunning turn of events from just days ago, when House Republicans

blocked Trump’s demands during a Christmas Eve session. After Trump spent days fuming from his private club in Florida, where he is spending the holidays, dozens of Republicans preferred to link with Democrats rather than buck the outgoing president. Senators were set to return to session Tuesday, forced to consider the measure amid similar, stark GOP divisions.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared, “Republicans have a choice: Vote for this legislation or vote to deny the

American people the bigger paychecks they need.”

The showdown could end up as more symbol than substance. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has declined to say publicly how the Senate will handle the bill when Democrats there try to push it forward for a vote on Tuesday.

After the robust House vote, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer warned, “There is no good reason for

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Study: Berrien County among best places for manufacturing

Company ranks region 28th out of 378

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Berrien County is among the nation’s best places to be for manufacturers, according to a recent report by SmartAsset.

A study from SmartAsset compared 378 metro areas, which ranked the Niles-Benton Harbor metropolitan statistical area as the 28th best place to work in manufacturing.

The Niles-Benton Harbor MSA, which represents the majority of Berrien County for statistical purposes, was given a score of 78.04 on SmartAsset’s final index score for the study.

SmartAsset analyzed various data to find the best places to work in manufacturing in 2020.

To make its determination, the financial technology company compared 378 metro areas across manufacturing as a percentage of the workforce; job and income growth between 2015 and 2018; job and income growth between 2017 and 2018; and housing costs as a percentage of income and unemployment.

According to the study, 16.9 percent of Berrien County’s workforce is dedicated to the manufacturing sector.

The study also noticed a 1 percent job growth from 2017 to 2018 and 6.6 percent income growth over the same period.

The county produced a 4.6 percent unemployment rate in October 2020,

Building up Berrien

Percent of workforce in manufacturing: 16.9 percent

One-year job growth: 1 percent

One-year income growth: 6.6 percent

October 2020 unemployment rate for manufacturing: 4.6 percent

Index score: 78.04

Figures for Berrien County data provided by SmartAsset study on manufacturing

among the lowest rates for job sectors in Southwest Michigan.

The other Michigan cities to crack the study’s Top 50 included Bay City, ranked 17th, the Grand Rapids-Wyoming area, ranked 42nd, and Saginaw, which ranked 45th.

Berrien County has long been touted as a major destination for manufacturing, with companies like Gast Manufacturing, Hanson Mold, Edgewater Automation and Kay Manufacturing.

Kinexus Group has also helped facilitate the annual Manufacturing Day in an effort to bring together manufacturers, students, teachers, parents, job seekers and other community members to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

The region has also seen an increased effort in attracting students to the field, as various manufacturers have toured Coloma High School,

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Kevin Kreitner, right, with the Lake Michigan College manufacturing department, demonstrates a mini CNC machine for Berrien Springs High School students during Manufacturing Day held in 2014 at Mach Mold, Inc., in Benton Harbor.

A divided nation asks: What’s holding our country together?

By TAMARA LUSH, JOSH BOAK, NICHOLAS RICCARDI and CLAIRE GALOFARO
Associated Press

Elections are meant to resolve arguments. This one inflamed them.

Weeks after the votes have been counted and the winners declared, many Americans remain angry, defiant and despairing. Millions now harbor new grievances borne of President Donald

Trump’s baseless claims of election fraud. Many Democrats are saddened by results that revealed the opposition to be far more powerful than they imagined.

And in both groups there are those grappling with larger, more disquieting realizations. The foundations of the American experiment have been shaken — by partisan rancor, disinformation, a president’s assault

on democracy and a deadly coronavirus pandemic. There is a sense of loss.

It burdens even the winners.

In North Carolina, a soon-to-be state lawmaker whose victory made history says he is struck by how little feels changed. In Michigan, a suburban woman found her feminism in the Trump era only to see her family torn by the election outcome.

In a Pennsylvania town, the simple things still feel fraught. Plans for a small-town Christmas market spiraled into a bruising fight over public health and politics.

“What is holding our country together?” wonders Charisse Davis, a school board member in the Atlanta suburbs, where the election has not ended. A pair of Senate runoffs on Jan. 5 will decide which party

controls the U.S. Senate.

Davis may get her answer soon. A vaccine has brought hope and a chance for a nation to prove it can do big things again. New leadership in Washington may change the tone.

But now, at the end of 2020, many Americans say the experiences of the past four years have made them look at their neighbors — and their country — in a different light.

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It’s been a tumultuous few months for Ricky Hurtado. The 32-year-old son of Salvadoran immigrants won a seat in the North Carolina state legislature as a Democrat representing a suburban slice of Alamance County.

Hurtado’s wife, Yazmin Garcia, earned her U.S. citizenship six days before the election. The couple

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drove directly from the immigration office where she became a citizen to the nearest early voting site, so she could register on the spot and cast a ballot for her husband.

But Hurtado still can't shake the feeling that, despite all this, little changed. He'd hoped to be part of a Democratic wave that took back his state legislature, hold seats on the state Supreme Court and win them in the U.S. Senate. Instead, Democrats fell short in all of those efforts.

Trump won North Carolina just as he did in 2016. "It feels like we haven't moved in any given direction," Hurtado said.

Hurtado is struggling to understand how there was a shift among Latinos toward Trump in the election. The president's strong performance with Cuban Americans in South

Florida narrowed the traditional Democratic edge in Miami-Dade County and helped put Florida in Trump's column. In Texas, Trump won tens of thousands of new supporters in predominantly Mexican American communities along the border.

"It shows you, your identities are complex," he said.

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In the Pennsylvania college town of Slippery Rock, population 3,600, the annual Christmas market was supposed to be the bright spot in a dismal year.

Republican Mayor Jondavid Longo donated his salary — \$88 a month after taxes — to help pay for the market that drew 25 vendors and 500 people. He hoped the outdoor event would bring holiday cheer and a much needed injection of cash to the town's struggling businesses. Perhaps, he figured, a cozy event would also drown out any bitter feelings about the presidential election and the pandemic.

Trump won Butler County handily in November, evidence of his campaign to supercharge turnout in rural, conservative places as he cedes ground in the cities and suburbs. It wasn't enough to win Pennsylvania, which helped seal the victory of President-elect Joe Biden

But neither politics nor the pandemic could be escaped.

Things began to devolve on Twitter. Photos surfaced showing few people in masks, leading to criticism that the event might have spread the coronavirus, which has grown in the rural county's population since the Nov. 3 election.

"We were outside so I thought things were reasonable," Longo said. "COVID was only an issue for individuals who were trying to stoke the flames of fear and discontent."

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In Cobb County, Georgia, Davis popped a bottle of champagne, despite a nagging sense of sadness, then

packed the family into the car to head into downtown Atlanta and join thousands dancing in the street.

She decided to just enjoy victory on the Saturday that news organizations called the presidential race for Biden.

"We'll go back to worrying about humanity tomorrow," she said to her family as they climbed in the car. And then tomorrow arrived, and the worry roared back.

Davis, who serves on the school board in suburban Cobb County, was part of a wave of Black women elected to public office in recent years. Women like her led the charge that ushered Biden to an unlikely victory in Georgia.

Trump immediately began sowing doubts about the vote, tossing out specious claims of fraud. The efforts to toss out votes came in heavily Black cities, which to Davis represents an ugly history of trying to repress Black voices. Tens of millions of Americans — 36

percent of Republicans in a recent Fox News poll — now believe the claims that the election was rigged and he was the rightful winner.

Pamela Allen, 72, worked as a poll watcher in Pasco County, Florida and saw no problems on Election Day. But the Trump supporter still believes the election was fraudulent.

"I think the election was totally paid for and rigged by the Democrats," said the retiree.

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In suburban Michigan, a coalition of suburban women achieved what they set out to do — help evict Trump from the White House. But Lori Goldman, in Oakland County, Michigan, who runs the group Fems for Dems, can't shake the sense that their mission now is more critical than it's ever been.

"We got rid of this blight, this cancer," said Goldman, 61. "We cut him out. But we know that cancer has spread, it's spread to soft tissue, other organs. And now we have

to save the rest of the body."

Trump called people like her the "suburban housewives of America," and tried to appeal to them by spreading fear about Black Lives Matter protesters, crime and low-income housing. Still, Biden won 54 percent of suburban voters, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of the electorate.

Goldman can't understand why 74 million Americans voted for Trump. She went on national television and said she was ashamed that most of her own relatives were among them. Now some of her siblings don't want to talk to her anymore.

To her, this is a microcosm of one of the greatest challenges this country has faced: that tribalized politics has pitted people against each other in a way far more profound than ever before. It is no longer Republicans versus Democrats. It has splintered families and friends.

She weeps when she talks about the rift.

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Lakeshore High School, Brandywine High School, the Van Buren Tech Center and Southwest Michigan College Niles Campus for their programs.

The study's analysis also included three metrics that were not included among the chart's index layout. Among them were the three-year manufacturing growth, three-year income growth for manufacturing workers and housing costs as a percentage of average income for manufacturing workers.

About one in 10 U.S. jobs is now based in the

manufacturing sector, the study reported.

Manufacturing represents 11.39 percent of jobs on average across all 378 metro areas analyzed in the study. The metropolitan area where manufacturing makes up the highest percentage of jobs is just across the state line, in the Elkhart-Goshen, Ind. area — where 57.45 percent of all jobs are in the manufacturing sector.

The region of St. Joseph, Missouri-Kansas, received the top choice for manufacturing workers in the study, which boasted the best index score of 100.

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Senate Republicans to stand in the way."

"There's strong support for these \$2,000 emergency checks from every corner of the country," Schumer said in a statement. "Leader McConnell ought to make sure Senate Republicans do not stand in the way of helping to meet the needs of American workers and families who are crying out for help."

The legislative action during the rare holiday week session may do little to change the \$2 trillion-plus COVID-19 relief and federal spending package that Trump signed into law Sunday, one of the biggest bills of its kind providing relief for millions of Americans.

That package — \$900 billion in COVID-19 aid and \$1.4 trillion to fund government agencies — will deliver long-sought cash to businesses and individuals and avert a federal government shutdown that otherwise would have started Tuesday, in the midst of the public health crisis.

But the outcome will define Trump's GOP, putting a spotlight on the Georgia runoff election Jan. 5 where two Republican senators are in the fights of their political lives against Democrats in a pair of races that will determine which party controls the Senate next year.

Together with votes Monday and Tuesday to override Trump's veto of a sweeping defense bill, it's potentially one last confrontation between the president and the Republican Party he leads as he imposes fresh demands and disputes the results of the presidential election. The new Congress is set to be sworn in Sunday.

Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, acknowledged the division and said Congress had already approved ample funds during the COVID-19 crisis. "Nothing in this bill helps anybody get back to work," he said.

Aside from the direct \$600 checks to most Americans, the COVID-19 portion of the bill revives a weekly pandemic jobless benefit boost — this time \$300, through March 14 — as well as a popular Paycheck Protection Program of grants to businesses to keep workers on payrolls. It extends eviction protections, adding a new rental assistance fund.

The COVID-19 package draws and expands on an earlier effort from Washington. It offers billions of dollars for vaccine purchases and distribution, for virus contact tracing, public health departments, schools, universities, farmers, food pantry programs and other institutions and groups facing hardship in the pandemic.

Americans earning up to \$75,000 will qualify for the direct \$600 payments, which are phased out at higher income levels, and there's an additional \$600 payment per dependent child.

Meantime the government funding portion of the bill keeps federal agencies nationwide running without dramatic changes until Sept. 30.

Democrats are promising more aid to come once President-elect Joe Biden takes office, but Republicans are signaling a wait-and-see approach.

Biden told reporters at an event in Wilmington, Delaware, that he supported the \$2,000 checks.

Trump's sudden decision to sign the bill in Florida, where he is spending the holidays, came as he faced escalating criticism from lawmakers on all sides over his eleventh-hour demands. The bipartisan bill negotiated by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin had already passed the House and Senate by wide margins. Lawmakers had thought they had Trump's blessing after months of negotiations with his administration.

The president's defiant refusal to act, publicized with a heated video he tweeted just before the Christmas holiday, sparked chaos, a lapse in unemployment benefits

for millions and the threat of a government shutdown in the pandemic. It was another crisis of his own making, resolved when he ultimately signed the bill into law.

In his statement about the signing, Trump repeated his frustrations with the COVID-19 relief bill for providing only \$600 checks to most Americans and complained about what he considered unnecessary spending, particularly on foreign aid — much of it proposed by his own budget.

While the president insisted he would send Congress "a redlined version" with spending items he wants removed, those are merely suggestions to Congress. Democrats said they would resist such cuts.

For now, the administration can only begin work sending out the \$600 payments.

A day after the signing, Trump was back at the golf course in Florida, the state where he is expected to move after Biden is sworn in

on Jan. 20.

Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama, a conservative who supported Trump's extraordinary and futile challenge of the election results, counted himself Monday among the opponents of a more generous relief package and Trump's call for higher payments.

"It's money we don't have, we have to borrow to get and we can't afford to pay back," he said on "Fox and Friends." But Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York said she was open to the idea of \$2,000 checks. "Many Americans are in dire need of relief," she said on the show.

Altogether, Republicans and Democrats alike swiftly welcomed Trump's decision to sign the bill into law.

"The compromise bill is not perfect, but it will do an enormous amount of good for struggling Kentuckians and Americans across the country who need help now," McConnell said.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
JC-QC-3H-5H-3S
Midday Daily 3
4-9-7
Midday Daily 4
6-6-6-2
Daily 3
9-8-3
Daily 4
3-4-6-8
Fantasy 5
14-17-19-20-32
Keno
05-07-09-11-12-22-23-25-28-29-32-33-38-47-48-51-53-55-61-73-74-80
Mega Millions jackpot
\$376 million
Powerball jackpot
\$363 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
06-12-15-16-44
Estimated jackpot
\$1.08 million
Cash4Life
28-35-36-42-53, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-04-07-08-11-21-22-31-34-44-46-48-53-59-66-68-71-75-79-80, BE: 34
Daily Three-Midday
4-9-0, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
8-6-5, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
4-9-6-2, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
3-2-5-9, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening

04-06-17-20-22-24-28-30-32-34-37-39-53-56-57-61-62-65-72-78, BE: 78
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-12-16-37-45
Estimated jackpot
\$150,000
Pick Three-Midday
4-2-7, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
6-4-2, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
7-1-8-8, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Evening
9-4-2-7, Fireball: 0
Lucky Day Lotto
08-11-37-41-45
Estimated jackpot
\$200,000

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Mims convictions affirmed by Michigan Court of Appeals

Benton Harbor man convicted of double homicide in 2019

By **JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

LANISING — The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed the convictions and sentence of a man who is serving life without parole in the shooting deaths of two Benton Harbor men.

Antwan “Tank” Mims was found guilty in February 2019 of two counts of first-degree, premeditated murder in the fatal shootings of Michael Johnson, 29, and Cortez Miller, 21.

A Berrien County jury returned a guilty verdict after just three hours of deliberation, and Berrien County Trial Court Judge Arthur Cotter handed down the mandatory sentence of life without pa-



MIMS

self-defense because they’d been harassing him and he feared for his life when they showed up at around 3 a.m. at a gathering March 25, 2018, at a house on Lavette Street in Benton Harbor. After the homicides, Mims fled the area and was captured months later in Georgia after being placed on the FBI’s 10 Most Wanted List.

Mims had a prior felony conviction, was on parole at the time and was not allowed

role. Mims, of Benton Harbor, was 41 at the time. The jury did not believe Mims’ claim that he shot the men in self-defense because they’d been harassing him and he feared for his life when they showed up at around 3 a.m. at a gathering March 25, 2018, at a house on Lavette Street in Benton Harbor. After the homicides, Mims fled the area and was captured months later in Georgia after being placed on the FBI’s 10 Most Wanted List.

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affirming the conviction, said a defendant has a right to appear before a jury without restraints, unless restraints are necessary to prevent escape, injury to a person or a loss of order in court. The appeals court noted that testimony showed Mims had an extensive criminal history, was on parole when the shootings occurred, had fled the state to avoid apprehension, tried to influence a witness at the Berrien County Jail, was classified as a “very high risk,” and that the defense table where he was seated at trial was such that the shackles were not visible to the jury.

The Court of Appeals ruled against Mims in that and all other claims made in his appeal.

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Decline in new COVID-19 cases continues

Hospitalizations hold steady over the weekend

By **ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
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New COVID-19 cases continued to decrease over the weekend in Berrien County, while hospitalizations held steady.

The county recorded 76 new COVID cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. That’s compared to 133 new cases last weekend and 260 cases the weekend before that.

It also recorded an additional 15 presumed cases over the weekend.

COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland stayed steady over the weekend, with 43 patients on Saturday, 48 patients on Sunday and 42 patients on Monday. Last Monday, the hospital reported 40 patients admitted.

Berrien County gained 543 recoveries over the

weekend. That’s compared to 356 last weekend. No new deaths were recorded, keeping the county’s death toll at 159.

The recoveries brought the county’s number of active cases down to about 2,220 as of Monday. That’s compared to 2,954 last Monday and 3,726 the Monday before.

Cass County recorded 70 new COVID-19 cases since last Wednesday, while Van Buren County recorded 71.

Both counties also added two additional COVID deaths over the five-day period, bringing Cass County’s death toll to 43, and Van Buren’s to 70.

The state did not update its long-term care facility or school COVID outbreak reports on Monday.

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FIRE DAMAGES CASCO TOWNSHIP HOME



Fire extensively damaged an unoccupied Casco Township home on Sunday morning. South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES), with assistance from Lee and Clyde Township fire departments, responded to the Allegan County home at 60th Street and 104th Avenue at 8:45 a.m., after a neighbor reported it to 911, according to a SHAES news release. No injuries were reported. The cause remains under investigation.



Firefighters report that the rear of the residence was totally engulfed in flames upon arrival, and that the fire spread throughout the two-story structure.

Tulip Time announces changes for 2021 Holland festival

By **CASSANDRA LYBRINK**
The Holland Sentinel

HOLLAND — Tulip Time is going to look dramatically different next year, with fewer indoor events and time-based tickets required for most activities.

The nonprofit responsible for planning the festival, also named Tulip Time, announced its initial slate of events Dec. 17.

The festival, scheduled to take place May 1 to 9, will include the Tulip Time Artisan Market, Tulip Time Run, Dutch Marktplaats and a new Tulip Immersion Garden.

Currently, no indoor, fixed-seating events are being planned. Also in limbo are Dutch Dance performances, the carnival and parades, as festival planners await more timely news of progress against the pandemic in the spring.

The Tulip Time Artisan Market, which usually takes place at Centennial Park, has been moved to the outdoor grounds of Beechwood Church on Ottawa Beach Road. And it isn’t the only event being planned outside of downtown Holland.

“One of our strategies this year is to help spread out the grounds,” said Tulip Time Executive Director Gwen Auwerda.

“We can’t have 500,000 people descend on downtown for a 10-day period. We need to fence everything in and have an entrance gate and count people coming in and out of every outdoor event, just like the downtown markets over the summer.”

The Tulip Time Run, scheduled for May 1, may be virtual or in-person, depending on current guidelines.

Planners are most excited

about the new Tulip Immersion Garden, which will be available throughout the duration of the festival at Duntun Park in Holland, according to The Holland Sentinel.

“It’s going to be so fun,” Auwerda said. “I met the designer of the garden when he hosted the World Tulip Summit in 2019. He builds these installations that help raise the flowers out of the ground. We’re so thrilled to be the first host in the country.”

The garden will feature three or four sections that tell a story about the tulip – from its beginnings to its arrival in Holland.

For that exhibit, and others, an admission fee of less than \$10 will be required to purchase a time-based ticket.

“People are accustomed to just showing up at Tulip Time,” Auwerda said. “But in order for us to manage the crowds and keep everyone safe, we’ll have those timed tickets.”

The sole indoor event being planned is the Dutch Marktplaats inside Holland Civic Center Place. The market will include the festival’s new Dutch Dance Costume Exhibit, which was originally scheduled for unveiling during Tulip Time 2020.

“We’re hoping we can have this one indoor event,” Auwerda said. “It’ll be one ticket for both, and the exhibit will have history and details about the costumes and some memorabilia from previous festivals.”

Not returning this year are the colorful Klompen Garden shoes debuted during Tulip Time 2019.

“A lot of artists picked those shoes back up after we canceled last year,” Auwerda said. “So, they won’t be available.”

Nonprofit helps Port Huron businesses weather pandemic

PORT HURON (AP) — This year, it’s been about saving every business possible for the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County.

The nonprofit has helped more than 350 businesses directly and has aided others with answering coronavirus pandemic order questions and connecting them to grants and other resources, the Times Herald of Port

Huron reported.

Port Huron restaurant Bangkok Star received a \$3,000 grant managed by the alliance. The funding helped with bills like rent and utilities. Bangkok Star also didn’t have to further increase prices or reduce employee work hours during the pandemic, according to co-owner Chris Bevins.

“It meant a lot to be honest with you,” he told the news-

paper. “It’s a good resource for knowledge for different things you as a business owner may need to know.”

The alliance has helped manage \$1.5 million in grants and will be administering two more programs with over \$115,000.

It also worked on different campaigns to help keep people safe during the pandemic and campaigns to encourage people to help

the local economy. However, it still has found time to continue working on other developments expected to bring jobs to the area.

“We still have a lot of work to do,” Economic Development Alliance Chief Executive Dan Casey said.

Port Huron Downtown Development Authority Director Cynthia Cutright said the alliance has greatly impacted downtown during the

pandemic.

She works with the nonprofit in a variety of ways and increasingly so because of COVID-19. The organization took the lead in the Support St. Clair County “Yes! We’re Open” initiative earlier this year and has helped bring new investment downtown to help make Port Huron an attractive place for new businesses.

“They have worked tirelessly finding and securing financial assistance to small businesses and have worked hard to consistently provide updates as to the newest executive orders,” Cutright wrote in an email. “The EDA has done an incredible job at breaking that information down and helping the business community digest and absorb all that is out there.”

OBITUARIES

Ezekiel Guidry Jr.

Nov. 8, 1930 – Dec. 12, 2020

Ezekiel “Zeke” Guidry Jr., 90, of Benton Harbor departed this life after a long illness on Dec. 12, 2020, and was laid to rest Dec. 19, 2020. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbsinbrothersfh.com.

Zeke was born on Nov. 8, 1930, to the late Ezekiel Sr., and Fannie Austin Guidry in Hammond, La.

He met the love of his life, Icie Mae Harris, and on Aug. 1, 1954, they married.

Zeke served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and received several military honors. He worked at Auto Specialist for almost 30 years, LECO Corp., where he retired in 1992, BHAS, and Senior Nutrition Services Region IV, Meals on Wheels. Zeke was a member of the Ebenezer M.B.C. for 38 years.

Zeke leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Icie Mae



(Harris) Guidry, of 66 years; children: Dennis, Garyl (Katrina) and Michael Guidry, Iris Guidry, Cassandra Guidry-Benion (Edward) and Sherri Guidry Coulibaly (Idriss); daughter-in-law, Sherbra Young-Guidry; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters: Eirlen Brown (William), and Inez Hester (Ernest) brother, Profit (Arie Lou); in-laws: Sandra Harris, LaVerne Willhite (Paul), Ronald Harris, Marshal Hennings; special daughters: Deborah Young, and Devon Moss; goddaughters: Samantha Thompson, and Karen Dixon; godsons: Obie Thompson, Anthony Bell, Terry Taylor, and Damien Brock; and a host of lovely nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding him in death are sons: Kirk and Keith Guidry; brothers: Walter, Eli, Elijah Andrew, Clarence, Ervin and Ivy; and sisters: Rosa Williams, and Alma Hennings.

Clementine Stoutmiles

Dec. 29, 1937 – Dec. 17, 2020

Clementine Stoutmiles, 82, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 17, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, actual funeral attendance (limited to immediate family) will be at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31, at New Life Community Center, 300 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, followed by a family hour at 11 a.m., and cremation to follow.

Social distancing measures and proper mask etiquette will be strictly enforced. Arrangements will be overseen by Rob-



bins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Stoutmiles was born on Dec. 29, 1937, in Tyronza, Ark., to John and Ruthie Mae McFarland. She attended Union Memorial Church.

Survivors include children: Ella Stoutmiles, JoAnn Stoutmiles, Stanley Stoutmiles, and Tiffany Williams, all of Lansing, Katherine Hunter of Sandusky, Ohio, Duane (Linda) Stoutmiles, Carla Stoutmiles, and Michael Stoutmiles, all of Benton Harbor; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; five sisters; and three brothers.

Joanne McDonnell

Joanne M. McDonnell (Ely), 86, of Sister Lakes passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, Ill., after a short in-patient stay.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Wednesday Dec. 30, at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 51841 Leach Road, Dowagiac, with Father Russell Homic officiating. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery in Dowagiac. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Glau-

coma Foundation or Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in her memory. Those wishing to sign Joanne’s memory book online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Joanne was born in 1934 in Chicago, to Maurice and Ruth (Kelleher) Ely. She graduated from St. Xavier High School and attended Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

In October 1959, she married Lawrence McDonnell in Chicago.

She was a member of Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church where she served on the Alter Guild and as a Eucharist Minister. Joanne was a devoted wife and mother; her main goals in life were to

make her husband happy, and to take care of her children. She lived as a true example to her children on how to be a wife, mother and grandmother. Joanne was a kind and compassionate woman, who treated each person as if they were the most special person around. After raising six children, she took great pleasure in spoiling her grandchildren. She was known as the Matriarch of the Irish Village, and could tell stories of years past, providing historical information otherwise known by few people. She will be greatly missed.

Joanne is survived by her sister, Carol; her brother, Tom; her six children: Mau-

reen McDonnell of Wheaton, Ill., Tim McDonnell of Sister Lakes, Mich., Tom McDonnell of Wheaton, Bill (Peggy) McDonnell of Germantown, Wis., John McDonnell of Wheaton, and Jim (Patty) McDonnell of Aurora, Ill.; nine grandchildren: Jill (Lincoln), Mike (Kate), Erin (Ben), Siobhan, Danny, Andrew, Katie, Matthew and Patrick; six great-grandchildren: Jackson, Ben, Joshua, Nathan, Liam and Noah; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence “Larry,” and two of her brothers: Richard “Dick” Ely and Robert “Bob” Ely.

Shirley Hall

May 4, 1938 – Dec. 26, 2020



Shirley Elaine Hall, 82, of Hartford passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at home with her family at her side.

Shirley leaves behind her son, Richard Hall, and wife, Susan Hall, of Hartford; and her granddaughter, Sarah Hall, and significant other, Christopher Welch, of Detroit.

Shirley was preceded in passing by her husband, Robert “Bob” Hall of 57 years; her parents: Edward and Gertrude Rodewald-Baiers; and brother, Ronald Baiers.

Shirley graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1956. She was a homemaker until 1970, and then began her career at Dowagiac Union Schools for 29 years as a librarian. Shirley’s passion for reading has inspired many people in her life.

In 1999, Shirley and Bob built a new home on the “Hartford Farms” property in Hartford, now renamed “Daffodil Acres.” The property is known for its bountiful daffodils in the spring, and their son, Rick, and his family live next door.

When Shirley retired from Dowagiac schools, she volunteered part-time at Woodside Elementary School in Hartford, as a “Grandma” in the library. She also took on a new role upon retirement – Grandma. Her granddaughter, Sarah, lived next door, so she would pick her up from school and bring her home for snacks and reading time until Susan or Rick got home from work. Grandma and grandpa liv-

ing next door was great! Sarah wandered over whenever she wanted, with her cats following along to play in the woodshop and help grandma with craft projects.

Shirley spent many days with Bob in the woodshop building wooden toys and replica tractors. She attended all of the regional tractor shows with Bob. She was also known for her famous holiday cookies. She would bake for days, then deliver delicious goodies to several families, friends and businesses in the community.

Shirley and Bob were inseparable. In 2006, they were both named Hartford’s “Citizens of the Year.” This was the first time the award had been given to more than one person. She and Bob also served as chairmen for the Hartford Christmas Parade for several years, and were members of the Hartford Friends of the Library.

The family will welcome friends at a graveside service at the Keeler Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. Pastor Stephanie Norton will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland (Hospice), the Hartford Fire Department, or the Hartford Public Library. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Erma Schroeder

March 25, 1933 – Dec. 24, 2020



Erma (Finley) Mitchell Schroeder, 87, of Allegan, Mich., passed away Dec. 24, 2020, at home of natural causes.

Erma was born to parents Herman and Juanita Finley on March 25, 1933, in Chicago. She grew up as the youngest of six children and graduated from Allegan High School. Erma had a deep faith in God; she loved her family fiercely, and unconditionally.

Erma is survived by her daughters: Lorraine (Michael) Dangerfield, and Arlene Mitchell (who cared for her during her last months); sons: Leo Mitchell Jr., and Michael Mitchell Sr.; stepdaughters: Stacy Bush, Lisa (Jeff) Billingsley, and Erin Rehberger; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and special extended family members: Howard and Theresa Young, Rita Miller, Herman Yarber III, Tina T, and Cynthia Zerbe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Schroeder; two sons: Anthony Mitchell, and Terry Mitchell; parents: Herman and Juanita Finley; former husband and father of her children: Leo Mitchell Sr., and her five siblings: Doris Brown, Adrian Brown, Herman Finley Jr., Olga Finley, and Faith Portrum.

Erma’s career in education was extensive. While raising her six children, Erma went on to get a bachelor’s degree in educational administration from Wayne State University in 1970; a master’s degree from Western Michigan University in 1973; and a specialist degree in administration from Wayne State in 1980. Erma also pursued getting her PhD at Yale University, which she was not able to complete the final credits to graduate.

She served as a special education teacher, supervisor, and principal before

becoming a superintendent. A highlight of her career was a service award from Yale University in 1985 while serving as Director of School Development for Benton Harbor Area Schools. Her extensive leadership was sought after by many, and she was a published co-author on the School Development Model, effecting policy change. Erma retired in 1995.

She was an accomplished seamstress, making suits, and other clothing for herself and family. In 2005, she accompanied Ron, who had co-contracted operating a ferry on the St. Mary’s River, running between Barbeau, Mich., and Nebbish Island for three very cold winters, but they enjoyed every minute of it.

In their 40+ years together, Ron and Erma spent many happy hours traveling by boat or motorcoach. They particularly enjoyed the casinos where they wintered in Biloxi, Miss., before Ron’s death in 2017.

Erma leaves behind a legacy of respect for her knowledge, her accomplishments, and her integrity. Her education discipline carried over into her grandchildren’s lives, and they all knew grandma’s rules were never broken. She loved her family fiercely and unconditionally. To have a conversation with Erma enriched you; she was sharp as a tack up through her last days. She knew what each of her 35 great/grandchildren were up to.

Erma will be greatly missed, and her death leaves a void that cannot be filled. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service later. The family is grateful for all prayers and condolences. Donations can be made to Hospice of Holland if desired.

See more obituaries on Page A5 and A6

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Crown wearer
- 5 Qt. fractions
- 8 Gloomy
- 11 OPEC member
- 12 Arguments
- 14 TV brand
- 15 Met celeb
- 16 — — for keeps
- 17 Be ill
- 18 Replaced a button
- 20 Henson creation
- 22 Poet’s before
- 23 — —do-well
- 24 Walks heavily
- 27 Gourmandizes
- 29 State VIP
- 30 Installments
- 34 Got up
- 37 Fabric meas.
- 38 Proficiency
- 39 Honking birds
- 41 Boxers’ milieu
- 43 Gear

44 Stovetop

- whistler
- 46 Ms. Winfrey
- 49 Blvd.
- 50 — Derr Biggers
- 52 Lamb’s pen name
- 54 Pirate’s quaff
- 55 Scrape aftermath
- 56 Made haste
- 57 Brown the bandleader
- 58 Attention-getter
- 59 Mediocre (hyph.)

DOWN

- 1 Nanny’s offspring
- 2 Eye part
- 3 Pew locale
- 4 Nibbled
- 5 It comes before the fall
- 6 Cargo unit
- 7 Do the backstroke
- 8 Hang in folds
- 9 Slicker

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HAD WES EMMA
OUR SAKI NOEL
UTATREE TBSP
ROBBED MARIA
IRS GALS
PONCE PEON
AWE OMEN TRIM
METE LASH ICE
DEBIT OMAHA
NAGS BOG
ARIES AFRAID
EVEN OGRE MOA
PALANG WEED OWL
ALAS NOD KAY

- 10 Soda fountain treat
- 13 Daredevil displays
- 19 Speaker’s pauses
- 21 Pedro’s coin
- 24 Links org.
- 25 Near the floor
- 26 Fish roe
- 27 Fencing weapon
- 28 Pitch in rival
- 30 USN rank
- 31 Change color
- 32 Journal VIPs
- 33 Compass pt.
- 35 English county
- 36 Aerie builders
- 39 Pol. party
- 40 Way out
- 41 Vaudeville show
- 42 Particulars
- 43 Mild cheese
- 44 “The Mailman” Malone
- 45 Per
- 47 Mighty Dog
- 48 Gets a move on
- 51 Funny Charlotte
- 53 Uproar

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TEYNR
NUHOD
NRIHED
CGENAH

Print answer here:

Saturday’s Jumbles: CABLE GAUGE SLEEPY MAINLY
Answer: When asked if his new dictionary could be purchased, Noah Webster said — “BUY” ALL MEANS



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Jumbles: CABLE GAUGE SLEEPY MAINLY
Answer: When asked if his new dictionary could be purchased, Noah Webster said — “BUY” ALL MEANS

BRIDGE

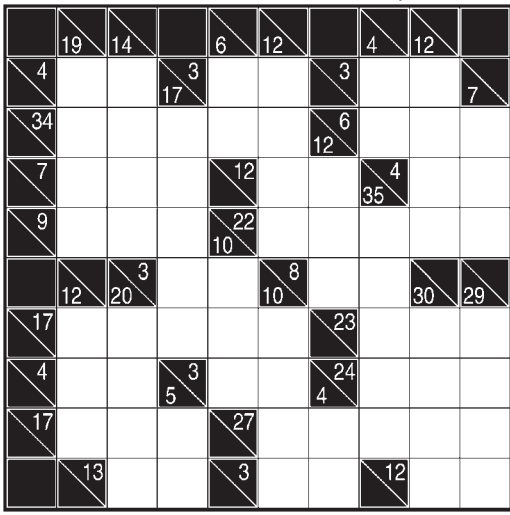
The nonduplicate tables at Bridge Base Online feature robots and various levels of player. But I find it interesting to see what people and bots do. Yes, the robots are more consistent in the bidding. I remember one deal where all 15 pairs of robots had the same short auction to the wrong slam. In this deal, though, what should South do next after the given start to the auction? West’s two-diamond overall is a Michaels Cue-Bid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors. Also, how do contracts of four hearts and five diamonds fare?

This start happened seven times. The choices, all made by humans, were pass (once), double (twice), five clubs

(once) and five diamonds (thrice). Pass could easily be the winner but is too cautious. Double indicates a strong hand, expecting partner to pass unless long in one of the minors. Five clubs is wrong because it shows at least 5-5 in the minors. With 6-4 in the minors, you should bid four no-trump. I think it is close between double and four no-trump.

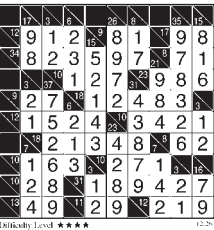
Four hearts can be defeated but is almost certain to make. South must lead a low diamond. Then North can win with his ace and shift to the club 10, giving the defenders the first three tricks. And the icing is ladled onto the cake when South plays a third club, promoting a

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 12/28

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 12/28

SUDOKU



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
2	8	4	3	5	7	1	9	6
9	5	1	6	2	8	3	7	4
7	3	6	9	1	4	2	8	5
5	2	3	8	4	9	7	6	1
4	7	9	2	6	1	5	3	8
6	1	8	5	7	3	9	4	2
8	9	5	4	3	2	6	1	7
3	6	7	1	8	5	4	2	9
1	4	2	7	9	6	8	5	3

OBITUARIES

Ellis Brown Jr.

Oct. 26, 1940 – Dec. 5, 2020

Ellis “Junior” Brown Jr., 80, of Benton Harbor departed this life Dec. 5, 2020, to be with the Lord.

He will always be remembered as a person with a kind heart and will be deeply missed by his loved ones. A service celebrating his life will be Dec. 28, at the Second Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11 a.m. followed by the service at noon.

Those wishing to sign the guestbook online may do so at www.robbsinsbrothersfh.com.

Ellis was born to the late Rev. Ellis Brown Sr., and Loreane Brown on Oct. 26, 1940, in Tillatoba, Miss.

He married Erma Riley and with this union they were blessed with their daughter Cassandra. Ellis attended Union Memorial AME Church for many years until he found his home at Second Baptist Memorial Church. Ellis worked at Auto Specialist, where he later retired, he also worked



at Dawson Manufacturing and LeRoy’s Body shop for many years.

Ellis leaves to cherish his memories a daughter, Cassandra Brown; stepsons: Frank and Daryl Johnson; aunts: Ethel Hudson Morgan of Water Valley, Miss., Bessie Hudson Johnson of Covington, Ga., and Mae Gladys Hudson Lathan, St. Louis; uncle, Elam Wilson Hudson of Columbus, Ohio; brothers: Henry Dale Brown, and Raymond Brown; sisters: Annie Lee of Flint, Onia Pearl Judson and Margaret Brown of Benton Harbor, Dr. Helen Brown of Ellenwood, Ga., and Janice Brown of Cumming, Ga.; special cousin, Eric Morgan; grandchildren: Brandon and Aliyah; a great-grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ellis was preceded in death by his parents: the late Rev. Ellis Brown and Loreane Brown; brothers: Edward Charles Brown and James Leon Brown; and sister, Nancy Butler.

Marchele Polashak

Jan. 9, 1965 – Dec. 21, 2020

Marchele “Shelly” Yvette (Yeager) Polashak, 55, of Sister Lakes passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, with her loving husband by her side.

Shelly was born January 9, 1965, in South Bend, Ind., the daughter of Lewis and Mila (Jones) West.

While Shelly attended Hartford High School, she also attended Sister Lakes Beauty Academy.

She graduated both in 1984. She married the love of her life in 1992. Although she loved being a hair stylist for 20 years, her compassion for helping and caring for people led her to enroll in the nursing program at Lake Michigan Community College. She went on to graduate with high honors in 2004. She has since cared for patients as a top cardiac nurse for the past 16 years at Lakeland Medical Center.

Shelly enjoyed life. She loved to travel and learn new things. She enjoyed gardening, bird and butterfly watching, taking photos of all that she saw beautiful. She loved to star gaze and watch the sun set. She enjoyed learning the rocks and gems of the earth. She also loved spending quality time with family and those



she loved. Shelly had a great love for God. She spent a lot of time studying his word and would eagerly share her knowledge of it.

Surviving is her loving husband, Terry Polashak, of 28 years; her mom, Mila West; sisters: Rose (Roy) Smith, Stacey (Chris) Oxley, and Katrina (Tom) Schrimsher; and brothers: Leonard (Cindy) Cameron, Lewis West and Robert West.

Shelly was proceeded in death by her dad, Lewis West; and brothers: Kevin West and Eddie Yeager.

A private service will be held at Duffield and Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, on Dec. 30. Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service open to all will be held at a future date at Keeler Cemetery in 2021. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Fellowship Foundation and dropped off or mailed to the funeral home at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 6548 Paw Paw Ave., Coloma, MI 49038.

Arthur Lockwitz

Nov. 16, 1922 – Dec. 23, 2020

Arthur Lockwitz, 98, of St. Joseph, beloved husband of the late Doris M. (Wallace) Lockwitz, passed away unexpectedly at home Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.

Arthur was born on Nov. 16, 1922, in Stevensville, to John and Louise (Doroh) Lockwitz.

He graduated from Stevensville High School in 1942, where he was on the state championship basketball team. Arthur then went on to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Following the war, he graduated from Benton Harbor Business College and went on to marry the love of his life, Doris M. Wallace, on April 17, 1948. Arthur then worked for Whirlpool Corporation as a material control manager for 37 years, retiring in 1984. Arthur was a kind, compassionate and loving soul who led a life of service to all who knew him. To know him, was truly to love him, and you knew he loved you back.

Arthur was a man of many talents, the one he found most rewarding was his deep love for gardening and taking pride in making his yard beautiful, which garnered admiration from all who saw it. He was an adventurous, fun-loving man his entire life. Most recently, he and his son Dan participated in a Talons Out Michigan Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.



He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going to the Indy 500, visiting museums, attending car shows, and seeing his friend Gary Todd perform, who always honored with him a medley of patriotic songs followed by a standing ovation.

Arthur is survived by his three sons: Dan (Sara) Lockwitz, Keith (Regina) Lockwitz and Todd Lockwitz; grandchildren: Frank Arthur LaGambina-Lockwitz, Carmela LaGambina-Lockwitz, Adam (Joanna) Lockwitz, Janelle Edmundson and Cooper Lockwitz; great-grandson, Phillip Edmundson; brother, Myron Lockwitz; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; parents: John and Louise; siblings: Edgar, Margaret Heyn, and John; and daughter-in-law, Tina Lockwitz.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2673 West John Beers Road, Stevensville, with Pastor Jeremy Koehler officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Friends may visit from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Talons Out Honor Flight, PO Box 280 Portage, MI 49087. Those wishing to share a memory of Arthur online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Wally Versaw

July 9, 1935 – Dec. 26, 2020

Wally Devon Versaw, 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, in Goshen, Ind.

He was born to parents Walter and Ilo Versaw on July 9, 1935, in Benton Harbor. And the name on his birth certificate really was Wally. He grew up on a small family farm and learned to drive at a ridiculously early age.

After high school Wally went into the Army and took advantage of the GI bill, which helped pay his tuition at Michigan State University and gain a BA in history, graduating in 1962. He continued his education to earn a master’s degree in social work at the University of Michigan. Wally spent the bulk of his career as a social worker, first working in the juvenile courts and then moving on to advocate for elderly needs licensing adult foster care homes.

Wally married the love of his life, Lois Adele (Bizer) Versaw, on Aug. 16, 1964, and she preceded him in



death in 2011 after 47 years of marriage. Together they built a loving family in Portage.

Survivors include children: Karen (Michael) Stewart,

Paul (Lisa) Versaw, Steven (Amy) Versaw; and five grandchildren: Corey Arndt and Taya, Natalie and Gabriel Stewart, and Ava Versaw.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana (feedindiana.org) in Wally’s honor. He was passionate about helping those in need. There will be a memorial scheduled at a future date when family and friends can gather safely in person to honor his life.

A tremendous amount of gratitude goes out to the ICU staff at Goshen Hospital who showed absolute compassion in the few days he was there, and are risking their lives every day to do so for all families.

Online condolences may be shared at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Alvina Ruiz

May 4, 1930 – Dec. 23, 2020

Alvina Ruiz, 90, of Sodus passed away at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.

Born May 4, 1930, Alvina Ojeda Ruiz lived a long happy life which was guided by her faith in Jesus Christ. She was born to the late Frank and Rosa (Sasoada) Ojeda in Del Valle, Texas.

In 1948 she wed her one true love, Leonard Ruiz, at a ceremony in Austin, Texas. In 1965 Alvina and Leonard moved north for a better life for their family. Alvina was a hard worker but found her calling as a mother to her seven children.

Alvina was an amazing, caring, and compassionate person who always pushed the boundaries of kindness. She was a gentle soul who was always cheerful and warm. Her heart was enormous and she had a profound love for family. These characteristics were always on full display to anyone who entered the glow of her orbit. She was truly a model of excellence. To many, Alvina was an angel long before she transitioned to the next phase in the cycle of life.

Alvina’s family is proud and honored to have her DNA that will live on through the genes in her offspring.

The Ruiz family can now begin to heal and fill the painful void felt in their hearts by Alvina’s loss with the knowledge that she has joined the ancestors and is



no longer experiencing pain and suffering. She will now be eternally at peace and comforted by those souls who transitioned before her.

Alvina will always be a treasured jewel and her legacy will remain an enduring testament of a life well-lived. We light a million candles in her honor.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Frank and Rosa Ojeda; and two brothers: Frank and Ned Ojeda.

Alvina is survived by her husband of 72 years, Leonard; their seven children: Linda Gomez of Sodus, Virginia (Robert) Phillips of Eau Claire, Velia (Hans) Koppenhoefer of St. Joseph, Angelina Ruiz of South Bend, Arnold Ruiz of Dowagiac, Martin (Lorena) Ruiz of Eau Claire, Jenero Ruiz of Niles; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; and siblings: Irene Saldana of Austin, Texas, and Ploto Ojeda of Lockhart, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 31, at Brown Funeral Home in Niles at 2:30 p.m. with a time of visitation beginning one hour prior.

Condolences, photos and memories may be left for the family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles.

Lawrence Kamvazaana

March 7, 1947 – Dec. 25, 2020

Pastor Lawrence Kamvazaana passed away peacefully in his sleep Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 2020, in Berrien Springs at the age of 73. He was and will always be greatly loved by countless friends and family.

Lawrence is survived by his four children: Msama of Kalamazoo, Mika of Berrien Springs, and Chikondi and Mnyisei of Houston, Texas.

Lawrence was born on March 7, 1947, in Mwanza, Malawi, to Jackson and Mnyisei. He graduated from Solusi University in Zimbabwe with a degree in theology.

After immigrating to the United States, he received a master’s in Divinity from Andrews University. For many years he worked as a chaplain, pastoring churches; a published author, he spread the Adventist health message in hopes of constructing a sanitarium in Berrien Springs under the vision of Ellen White.

Lawrence was known for his wisdom, charisma, and was on fire for the advancement of the Gospel message and the soon return of Jesus Christ. He was a generous, witty, and devout individual who loved the Lord and who was passionate about educating



God’s children about his son Jesus and his kingdom. He was an active and dedicated member of the Village Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Village SDA church in Berrien Springs; a reception is to follow after the service. Visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Pastor Ron Kelly and Pastor Santos will officiate the ceremony and burial service. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Pastor Lawrence’s life. A livestream feed will be available on YouTube and can be found at youtube.com/chikondiman.

To fund the unexpected funeral and memorial expenses, the family humbly asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent online via CashApp \$chikondimore, Venmo \$chikondiman or PayPal: chikondiman@gmail.com.

The entire Kamvazaana family would like to thank the caregivers, nurses and loving individuals for all of their dedication to Lawrence, and patiently wait to be reunited with their father one glad morning.

Messages: www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Alan Beach, 78, of St. Joseph died Dec. 26, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ellis Brown Jr., 80, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 5, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

William Clemans, 64, of Niles died Dec. 26, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Jessica Marie Ensing, 34, of West Olive, Mich., died Dec. 27, 2020. Matthyse Kuiper Degraaf Funeral and Cremation Services, Alledale Chapel, 616-455-1535.

Ezekiel “Zeke” Guidry Jr., 90, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Shirley Elaine Hall, 82, of Hartford died Dec. 26, 2020. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Adrian Hankins, 42, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 13, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Lawrence Kamvazaana, 73, of Berrien Springs died Dec. 25, 2020. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Evelyn P. Kimbrough, 95, of Coloma died Dec. 23, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Arthur Lockwitz, 98, of St. Joseph died Dec. 23, 2020.

Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Joanne M. McDonnell (Ely), 86, of Sister Lakes died Dec. 24, 2020. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Leila M. Masters, 82, of Benton Township died Dec. 27, 2020, at home. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Karin Elizabeth Polstin, 92, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 24, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Alvina Ruiz, 90, of Sodus died Dec. 23, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Johnie Sansom Jr., 92, of Coloma died Dec. 24, 2020, in Bridgman. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Donald Schram, 84, of Berrien Springs died Dec. 28, 2020 at his home. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Service, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Erma Mitchell Schroeder, 87, of Allegan, Mich., died Dec. 24, 2020. Simply Cremation Service, Grand Rapids.

Elsie Spaulding, 84, of Three Oaks died Dec. 25, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Wally Devon Versaw, 85, of Goshen, Ind., died Dec. 26, 2020. Yoder Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, Ind., 574-533-3153

Karin Polstin

April 6, 1928 – Dec. 24, 2020

Karin Elizabeth Polstin, 92, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Stevensville.

A celebration of life graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma, with Father Arul Lazar officiating. Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and social distancing will be required.

Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park, St. Joseph or St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Karin was born on April 6, 1928, to Charles and Gladys (Matthews) Clark in Benton Harbor. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1946.

She married Adolph “Al” Polstin on June 7, 1947, at St. John’s Catholic Church



in Benton Harbor. The two were happily married for 41 years until his passing in 1988.

In 1950, she and her husband were blessed with a son, Edward. Besides being a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and volunteered on many committees. Karin was always up for trying something different, whether it was square dancing, bowling, line dancing and especially ushering at the Mendel Center.

In the early days she and Al loved camping with her Mom and Dad, and later spending time at their place at Sandy Pines. She was friendly to anyone she met. She loved her Rocky Gap neighborhood and was well known to all who lived in that area.

Karin is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary Ann (Conrad) Dutra; and leaves behind many longtime friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son.

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1995 – 25 years ago
Lakeshore served up its third straight Lakeshore Invitational Volleyball Tournament Championship on Wednesday in the Lancer gym, defeating St. Joseph 15-8, 15-3 in the final match. The Lancers have won their own tournament 10 of the 11 years it has been played. Lakeshore breezed through the field of 12 teams, outscoring its opponents 240-55 for the tournament while not dropping a set all day.

1985 – 35 years ago
One of the oldest pipe organs in the area has been repaired and will be played for a carol sing planned during a special candlelight service Sunday at Berrien County Baptist Church in St. Joseph. The

Rev. Roy Rusch, who founded the congregation in September, said the church’s organ had not been used for several years due to an electrical problem, which has been repaired. He said the organ console appears to be from the mid-1850s.

1970 – 50 years ago
Lisbeth Lee, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lee of St. Joseph, and a senior at St. Joseph High School, has won first place in the local and area finals of national Voice of Democracy “Freedom – Our Heritage” contest. She received a \$25 U.S. savings bond and advancement to a regional contest. The annual event is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 29, the 364th day of 2020. There are two days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Dec. 29, 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

On this date:
In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.
In 1939, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O’Hara, was released by RKO Radio Pictures.
In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as “The Second Great Fire of London.”
In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011

Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.
In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York’s LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people (it’s never been determined who was responsible).
In 1989, dissident and playwright Vaclav Havel assumed the presidency of Czechoslovakia.
In 1992, the United States and Russia announced agreement on a nuclear arms reduction treaty.
In 2006, word reached the United States of the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). In a statement, President George W. Bush called Saddam’s execution an important milestone on Iraq’s road to democracy.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Likely	Rain Likely	Rain & Snow Possible	Rain & Snow Likely	Mostly Cloudy
33°	23°	43° / 30°	36° / 31°	40° / 30°	36° / 26°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 33°, humidity of 55%. South southeast wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of snow, overnight low of 23°. Southeast wind 9 to 18 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 19°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 8:13 a.m.
Sunset 5:22 p.m.
Moonrise 4:59 p.m.
Moonset 7:54 a.m.

Full 12/29
 Last 1/6
 New 1/13
 First 1/20

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature
High 33°
Low 22°
Normal High 32°
Normal Low 18°
Record High 56° in 2018
Record Low -1° in 2017

Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 1.67"
Normal for month 1.97"
Year to date 33.70"
Normal Year to date 37.30"

Air Quality

Yesterday 62
Main Offender Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

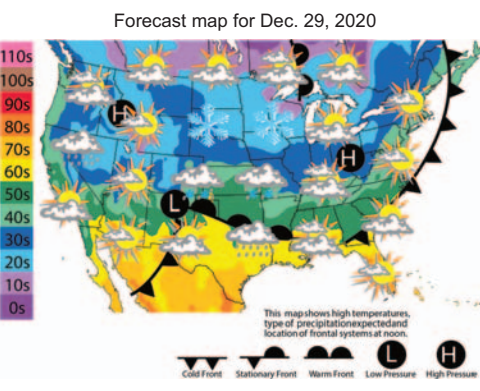
0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is the most snowfall recorded over a 24-hour period?

Answer: On April 14th and 15th of 1921, Silver Lake, Colorado had 75.8 inches.

National Weather Map



Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind 5 to 9 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, SSE wind 12 to 18 kt, with gusts as high as 26 kt. Rain and snow showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s. West southwest wind 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. South southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. South southeast wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 40s. South southwest wind 14 to 18 mph.

SCHLAMAN

From page A1

How did you end up as the new CEO of PACE?

As you heard, I’ve been on the board of PACE since it was developed here in 2012. I’ve always had a unique interest in it because it’s so valuable to the community. We’re looking at keeping people healthy and in their homes, but also providing the medical care they need. So when this opportunity came up, I was contacted by some PACE leaders and a couple board members and decided to throw my name in to be CEO. I’m super excited to be part of the team.

How has it been so far?

It’s been great. During a pandemic, it is challenging to change roles. PACE has really transformed itself during the pandemic. We’re not bringing participants, which is what we call our patients, to the facilities unless it’s for critical medical care. It’s been more home-based. So we’re going out to the homes more than usual with all the different specialties: therapists, social workers, spiritual care, nurses and physicians.

I’m learning a lot. Therese, the outgoing CEO, has been orienting me. I really want to get to know the staff. That’s the most important thing to me. They’re just so important to what PACE does. During the pandemic, that’s been difficult, but I’m trying to meet them virtually. That’s OK, but I love the face to face, and I

look forward to just connecting with people and sharing my appreciation for what they do each and every day.

I think most people know PACE helps older adults, but how would you explain the work it does to the average person in the community?

It’s coordinated, multidisciplinary care for the seniors in our community. It’s proactive, preventative. It’s wellness and holistic-based. We care not just for the body, but emotionally and spiritually also. PACE provides all aspects to have an impact on the overall well-being of a senior.

The social aspect is also very important, especially for the seniors who live alone and are more isolated. We provide the transportation to the PACE facility, to their doctor’s visits. We work very hard to keep seniors in the comfort of their own home and try to prevent them from having to go to a nursing home, adult foster care facility, or another residential care facility.

Do you have any goals or things you’d like to accomplish for PACE?

Just to build upon the care, the service and to reach out to as many people as possible that we can care for that qualify for being a PACE participant. We are not at capacity, so we have room to grow, and we want to serve the needs of the community the best we can.

A goal is to attract and retain the highest quality people to serve our participants as we

can – in all positions. Those are the people that make the difference each and every day.

I’d also like to look at growth opportunities. Maybe there’s a chance to develop a small satellite office in the southern part of the county. We pick up our participants and bring them to the clinic and for some, that’s kind of a long distance.

Do you have a favorite part of the work you do?

The favorite part of my job for many many years has been being around the patients and the staff, and just connecting and sharing my appreciation for the people who do this noble work everyday, day-in and day-out, 24/7, 365.

It’s incredible work, and I love connecting with the patients, the participants, and listening to their thoughts. I love to connect with them not just professionally, but personally, see how they are doing, make sure they are cared for and that we’re serving them to the best of our ability.

And the same thing with our staff. To make sure that we, in management and leadership, are removing barriers so they can best care for our patients and our participants.

Is there anything you don’t like?

Probably meetings that don’t have a productive outcome.

Would you tell me a little about your family, your home life, and what you like to do in your free time?

My wife, Erin, is a nurse at the infusion center at Lakeshore. I have a daughter that

is 24, who just got married. She also just graduated with her master’s degree in occupational therapy, so she’s following in my footsteps. We have an adopted son who has special needs. He’s been a blessing to our family. We know the Lord placed him in our home for a reason.

I really enjoy sports, though sometimes my mind tells me things I can do things my body tells me I cannot do after the fact. I enjoy swimming, tennis, and racquetball. I love my involvement in the church. I enjoy the ministry of the church. That’s a big part of who I am.

Is there anything else you’d like to say or make sure that I include that I didn’t ask?

Leadership is about being a servant leader, and that’s kind of my goal. I know that’s maybe a destination that’s never reached, but I strive to be the best servant leader I can be. It’s truly all about leadership, and leadership is all about our character and how we care for others. I have wanted to do that for many years, and God willing that will continue.

For more information about the programs PACE offers, visit www.paceswmi.org, or call 408-4322.

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OBITUARY

Adrian Hankins

Aug. 14, 1978 – Dec. 13, 2020

Adrian “A.D.” Hankins, 42, of Benton Harbor departed this life Dec. 13, 2020.

A service celebrating his life will take place Dec. 29, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbsbrothersfh.com.

Adrian was born Aug. 14, 1978, to the union of Henry and Florence Hankins-Cooks in Benton Harbor.

Adrian excelled in all things. He received his Benton Harbor education diploma in 1996. In 2000, he went on to receive his welding certificate at Ivy Tech in South Bend. He enjoyed BBQing, old school cars, fashion, and most importantly his family. You could always find him at family cookouts, gatherings



and family celebrations. His character, jokes, and over exceeding love for life will stay with all of whom he touched. Whether he had a joke for you or just to hear him say “Slap some cheese on that sandwich.” His life legacy of a son, father, brother, uncle, friend, and big spirit will carry on in our hearts forever.

A.D. Leaves to cherish his memory his daughters: Tatianna Brown and Adrianna Hankins; his mother, Florence Hankins-Cooks; sisters: Marie (Arthur) Kelly, Nicole Hankins; brothers: Dwan (Rose) Hankins, Lamont Hankins, Marco Hankins, Christopher Cooks, Henry Terrel Cooks and Henry Cooks Jr.; best friends: Montrell Richardson and James Byrd; a special love of 14 years, Betty Cornelius; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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Chicago quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, left, looks for a receiver as Jacksonville defensive end Aaron Lynch (59) tries to stop him during the first half of Sunday's game.

Stephen B. Morton / AP

Postseason prospects?

Bears eye playoffs heading into finale with Rodgers, Packers

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears head into the final week with their eyes on Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers and their chances to grab a playoff spot still alive.

The Arizona Cardinals put the opportunity in Chicago's hands by losing to San Francisco on Saturday. The Bears followed up with a 41-17 romp at Jacksonville on Sunday.

"Our players and our coaches have battled," coach Matt Nagy said Monday. "We've all now together put ourselves in the position where you win a football game, last game of the year, and you're guaranteed to be in the playoffs if you win. That part's exciting."

A win over the Packers would send the Bears (8-7) to the playoffs for the second time in Nagy's three seasons. They can still get in with a loss if the Cardinals drop their road game against the Los Angeles Rams. And if both games end in ties, Chicago would be in the playoffs.

No matter which scenario plays out, the Bears are in a spot that was hard to envision a few weeks ago. They got blown out by the Packers at Lambeau Field on Nov. 29, two fourth-quarter touchdowns by Chicago making a 41-25 rout look a little closer than it really was.

If that wasn't the Bears' low point, a 34-30 loss to Detroit at home the following week was. They blew a 10-point lead in the closing minutes, a strip sack of Mitchell Trubisky deep in Chicago territory setting up the winning touchdown. That gave the Bears six straight losses – their worst skid since dropping eight in a row in 2002 – and fueled more speculation about the futures of Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace.

They have won three in a row since, beating Houston, Minnesota and Jacksonville. Those teams are a combined 11-34.

The Packers (12-3), with a shot at the No. 1 seed in the NFC, pose a different challenge. They have won 18 of the past 21 against Chicago, including the playoffs. Green Bay, which trounced Tennessee on Sunday, would get the top seed with a win over the Bears or a tie. A loss or tie by Seattle against San Francisco in a game played in Glendale, Arizona, would also do it.

Win or lose, one thing is certain for the Bears. They'll finish .500 or better

for the third time in as many seasons under Nagy.

What's working

WR Allen Robinson. Robinson matched a career high with 10 catches for 103 yards against his former team, giving him 100 receptions for the first time in his career.

It's the first 100-catch season by a Bears player since Matt Forte had 102 in 2014 and the first by a Chicago wide receiver since Brandon Marshall in 2013 (100). Robinson, whose contract is expiring, has 1,213 yards in his second straight season with more than 1,100. His career high is 1,400 with Jacksonville in 2015.

What needs help

Trubisky. Though he has played better overall in the five games since his benching in Week 3, Trubisky still is making the sort of mistakes that prompted Nagy to turn to Nick Foles.

He threw an inexplicable interception in the end zone near the end of the first half, on first down at the Jacksonville 13 with 35 seconds remaining. Rather than throw the ball away, a scrambling Trubisky tried to jam it to Robinson in a crowd in the end zone. And the result was an interception for Joe Schobert.

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Lions interim coach, team helpless against Bucs

By **LARRY LAGE**
Associated Press

Detroit Lions interim coach Darrell Bevell said he felt helpless watching his team from home.

And the Lions looked helpless in a 47-7 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Bevell is back from quarantine after being a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, an exposure that made him the first head coach to miss a game because of the league's protocols during the pandemic.

Unable to have any contact with the team, Bevell watched the game from his house.

"One of my daughters was there," he said Monday. "The rest of my family went to the game."

He clapped. He screamed. He put his hands on his head.

"All kinds of emotions," Bevell said. Long-suffering fans know the feeling.

Mercifully, the Lions (5-10) host Minnesota (6-9) on Sunday and the best they can do in the standings is finish tied for third in the NFC North.

"They're giving us the 16th game, another opportunity, regardless of scenario situations," Bevell said. "This is what we do, so we want to go play. We want to put our best foot forward. We want to play the way that we're capable of playing and look for a win and be able to go out the way that we would like to go out."

A win, though, would hurt Detroit's position in the draft, where it needs to find an influx of talent to turn around a franchise with only one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

What's working

Pro Bowler Jack Fox has the highest



Lon Horwedel / AP

Tampa Bay running back Ke'Shawn Vaughn (30) stiff arms Detroit Lions cornerback Justin Coleman (27) during the second half of Sunday's game.

gross (49.4) and net average (45.1) on punts through the first 50 of any player in league history.

What needs help

Former general manager Bob Quinn gave Chase Daniel a \$13 million, three-year deal to improve Detroit's backup quarterback situation, but Daniel has struggled in relief of Matthew Stafford, who left Saturday's game with an ankle injury.

If Stafford can't play against the Vikings, the Lions may want to take a look at second-year pro David Blough.

Stock up

Jamal Agnew. The special teams ace returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown, preventing the Lions from getting shut out for a second time this season.

He has five scores on punt and kickoff returns to lead the league since

2007, when Detroit drafted him in the fifth round.

Stock down

The Lions signed safety Jayron Kearse in the offseason to a \$2 million, one-year contract and cut him on Monday. He started seven games – two more than he did in four years with the Vikings – and played in 11. He did not have an interception and defended just two passes.

Injured

Stafford rolled his right ankle early against Tampa Bay and didn't return. Detroit's No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 draft has no plans to call it a season after adding an ankle ailment to his banged-up ribs and thumb.

"If I'm good, I want to be out there and play," he said.

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Explosive trio leads Alabama into College Football Playoffs

By **JOHN ZENOR**
Associated Press

Alabama's best offensive player might be quarterback Mac Jones, who while is efficient produces big plays. Or it could easily be DeVonta Smith, who has been college football's most prolific wide receiver.

Don't count out tailback Najee Harris, a scoring machine who's dangerous as a runner and a receiver.

The top-ranked Crimson Tide doesn't have to choose who's the best. The onus is on opponents – and next up is No. 4 Notre Dame in Arlington, Texas Friday in the College Football Playoff semifinals.

The Fighting Irish are well aware of the challenge they face defending Alabama's dynamic playmakers, who among the very best at their position in college football.

"I mean, it's the balance of Najee and his ability to run and catch the football coming out of the backfield," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said Monday. "And then Smith and (fellow receiver John) Metchie. Smith is just that good of a player that you know playing 1-on-1 against him is very difficult."

"So, when you're doubling

him, you're losing one in the box and now you're putting Harris in a very favorable situation with a very good offensive line. So not a lot of good answers there."

The game was scheduled to be played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, but was relocated to the Dallas Cowboys' stadium in a move prompted by California's ban on spectators at sporting events during the pandemic.

But no matter the venue, the Alabama trio has not disappointed this season.

Jones and Smith are among the four finalists for the Heisman Trophy, along with Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence and Florida quarterback Kyle Trask. Harris finished fifth in the voting after a huge performance in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Alabama is the second team to have three top-5 Heisman finishers, joining Army in 1946 with running backs Glenn Davis (who won) and Doc Blanchard (fourth) and quarterback Arnold Tucker (fifth).

Tide cornerback Patrick Surtain II is glad he doesn't have to choose between his two finalist teammates.

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John Bazemore / AP

Alabama running back Najee Harris (22) runs against Florida during the second half of the Southeastern Conference championship game Dec. 19.

Source: Padres have deal in place to get Snell from Rays

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**
AP Baseball Writer

Two months ago, Blake Snell got yanked off the mound with a two-hit shut-out going in the final game of the World Series.

Now, the Tampa Bay Rays are ready to ship him out of town.

The San Diego Padres are close to completing a blockbuster trade to acquire Snell from the defending AL champions. The teams have an agreement in place and the star pitcher was told he'll be sent to the Padres – subject to the review of medical records, according to a person familiar with the deal. The person spoke to The Associated Press late Sunday night on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

According to The Athletic and ESPN, the Rays would receive 21-year-old pitcher Luis Patiño, catcher Francisco Mejía, pitching prospect Cole Wilcox and catching prospect Blake Hunt in return. The Athletic was first to report the players headed from San Diego to Tampa Bay if the trade is finalized.

Snell, the 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner, was 4-2 with a 3.24 ERA in 11 starts during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. He had 63 strikeouts in 50 innings.

Snell went 2-2 in the American League playoffs, then racked up 18 strikeouts in 10 innings and compiled a 2.70 ERA during the World

Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was pulled from Game 6 by Rays manager Kevin Cash in favor of reliever Nick Anderson after throwing only 73 pitches in 5 1/3 dominant innings – a heavily criticized move that backfired when the Dodgers came back to clinch the title with a 3-1 victory.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't reflect on it," Cash said last month after winning the AL Manager of the Year award.

"That decision was not reflective of my confidence in Blake. It was very reflective of my confidence in Nick, and that's (what) I felt was, at the moment, the best chance for us to win the game."

Snell has three years and \$39 million remaining on a \$50 million, five-year contract he signed with the small-budget Rays in March 2019.

He's owed \$10.5 million next year, \$12.5 million in 2022 and \$16 million in 2023.

The 28-year-old lefty would give the ascending Padres an established ace at the front of the rotation as they attempt to catch the Dodgers in the NL West.

With a young and talented team that features shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. and third baseman Manny Machado, the Padres finished with the second-best record in the National League this year at 37-23 – six games behind Los Angeles – and made the playoffs for the first time since 2006.

Alabama’s Jones, Smith, Harris lead 6 Tide All-Americans

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

Heisman Trophy finalists Mac Jones and DeVonta Smith have been selected to The Associated Press All-America team, leading a contingent of five Alabama players on the first-team offense.

Crimson Tide running back Najee Harris, tackle Alex Leatherwood and center Landon Dickerson are also first-team selections. No. 1 Alabama is the first team since 1980, when the AP All-America team began featuring two wide receivers and two running backs, to place a quarterback, running back and receiver on the first team.

Cornerback Patrick Surtain II gives the Crimson Tide six first-team selections, the most in the nation. No. 4 Notre Dame, Alabama’s College Football Playoff opponent this weekend, has two first-team All-Americans in offensive guard



Notre Dame offensive lineman Aaron Banks (69) looks into the stands as he walks off the field following his team's loss to Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game Dec. 19.

Aaron Banks and linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah.

Florida’s Kyle Trask was selected second-team quarterback and fellow Heisman finalist Trevor Lawrence of Clemson was the third-team quarterback on the AP teams released Monday. Lawrence, the likely first pick in the next NFL

draft, made AP All-America for the first time in his career.

No. 2 Clemson, which will face No. 3 Ohio State in the CFP semifinal at the Sugar Bowl on Friday night, had only one other player selected to the All-America teams: Running back Travis Etienne made the first-team as all-purpose player. The senior has been a second-team All-American at running back the last two seasons.

Ohio State guard Wyatt Davis is the only player to repeat as a first-team All-American after making it in 2020. Davis is one of two Buckeyes on the first team along with cornerback Shaun Wade.

2020 AP ALL-AMERICA TEAM

FIRST TEAM
Offense
Quarterback – Mac Jones, junior, Alabama.
Running backs – Najee Harris, senior, Alabama; Bryce Hall, sophomore, Iowa State.
Tackles – Brady Christensen, junior, BYU; Alex Leatherwood, senior, Alabama.
Guards – Aaron Banks, senior, Notre Dame; Wyatt Davis, junior, Ohio State.

Center – Landon Dickerson, senior, Alabama.
Tight end – Kyle Pitts, junior, Florida.
Receivers – DeVonta Smith, senior, Alabama; Elijah Moore, junior, Mississippi.
All-purpose player – Travis Etienne, senior, Clemson.
Kicker – Jose Borregales, senior, Miami.

Defense
Ends – Rashad Weaver, senior, Pitt; Tarron Jackson, senior, Coastal Carolina.
Tackles – Daviyon Nixon, junior, Iowa; Darius Stills, senior, West Virginia.
Linebackers – Zaven Collins, junior, Tulsa; Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, senior, Notre Dame; Joseph Ossai, junior, Texas.
Cornerbacks – Patrick Surtain II, junior, Alabama; Shaun Wade, senior, Ohio State.
Safeties – Talanoa Hufanga, junior, Southern California; Brandon Joseph, redshirt freshman, Northwestern.
Punter – Pressley Harvin III, senior, Georgia Tech.

SECOND TEAM
Offense
Quarterback – Kyle Trask, senior, Florida.
Running backs – Jaret Patterson, junior, Buffalo; Javonte Williams, junior, North Carolina.
Tackles – Liam Eichenberg, senior, Notre Dame; Christian Darrisaw, junior, Virginia Tech.
Guards – Cain Madden, junior, Marshall; Kenyon Green, sophomore, Texas A&M.
Center – Tyler Linderbaum, sophomore, Iowa.
Tight end – Hunter Long, junior, Boston College.
Receivers – Jaelon Darden, senior, Notre Dame; Jonathan Adams Jr., senior, Arkansas State.
All-purpose player – Kadarius Toney, senior, Florida.
Kicker – Cade York, sophomore, LSU.

Defense
Ends – Jaelen Phillips, senior, Miami; Patrick Jones, senior, Pitt.
Tackles – Alim McNeil, junior, North Carolina State; Haskell Garrett, senior, Ohio State.

Linebackers – Mike Rose, junior, Iowa State; Nik Bonitto, sophomore, Oklahoma; Nick Bolton, junior, Missouri.

Cornerbacks —Tre’Vius Hodges-Tomlinson, sophomore, TCU; Ahmad Gardner, sophomore, Cincinnati.
Safeties – Trevon Moehrig, junior, TCU; James Wiggins, senior, Cincinnati.
Punter – Lou Hedley, junior, Miami.

THIRD TEAM

Offense
Quarterback – Trevor Lawrence, junior, Clemson.
Running backs – Michael Carter, senior, North Carolina; Mohamed Ibrahim, junior, Minnesota.
Tackles – Darian Kinnard, junior, Kentucky; Samuel Cosmi, junior, Texas.
Guards – Ben Cleveland, senior, Georgia; Tommy Kraemer, senior, Notre Dame.
Center – Creed Humphrey, junior, Oklahoma.
Tight end – Charlie Kolar, junior, Iowa State.
Receivers – Dymari Brown, junior, North Carolina; Ty Fryfogle, senior, Indiana.
All-purpose player – Avery Williams, senior, Boise State.
Kicker – Jake Oldroyd, sophomore, BYU.

Defense
Ends – JaQuan Bailey, senior, Iowa State; Kayvon Thibodeaux, sophomore, Oregon.
Tackles – Christian Barmore, sophomore, Alabama; C.J. Brewer, senior, Coastal Carolina.
Linebackers – Zion Tupoula-Fetui, junior, Washington; Micah McFadden, junior, Indiana; Dylan Moses, senior, Alabama.
Cornerbacks – Greg Newsome, junior, Northwestern; Eli Ricks, freshman, LSU.
Safeties – Kyle Hamilton, sophomore, Notre Dame; Tykee Smith, sophomore, West Virginia.
Punter – Jake Camarda, junior, Georgia.

BEARS

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Stock up

Kicker Cairo Santos. The eight-year veteran has made 24 consecutive field goals, tying Robbie Gould’s single-season club record set in 2006. Santos is 27 for 29 this season, after connecting from 20 and 40 yards on Sunday.

Stock down

No one’s stock took a major hit, though it is hard to imagine the Bears handing off to tight end Cole Kmet again anytime soon. They did just that on first down at the Jacksonville 1 early in the second quarter, and

he got tackled for a 3-yard loss, leading to a field goal.

Injured

Nagy said the Bears will “keep our fingers crossed” that cornerbacks Jaylon Johnson (shoulder) and Buster Skrine (concussion) are available against Green Bay. Johnson has missed the past two games, while Skrine has sat out three in a row.

Key number

30 – The Bears have scored 30 or more points in four straight games for the first time since 1965. They haven’t done it in five or more since 1956, when they did it in seven consecutive games.

LIONS

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Key number

262 – Detroit’s defense will set a franchise record for yards allowed if it gives up at least that many to Minnesota, beating the dubious mark set by its winless team in 2008, which allowed 6,470 yards of offense.

The Lions have held only one team to fewer than 363 yards, limiting Jacksonville to 275 in a win two months

ago. Detroit is allowing 413.9 yards per game for a total of 6,208.

Next steps

The Lions are searching for a general manager and coach. Former linebacker Chris Spielman, who was hired as a special assistant and will participate in interviews with candidates for those two jobs, spent time talking with team president Rod Wood on the field before Saturday’s game and with others who stopped to chat.

TRIO

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“I believe they both deserve it. Their work ethic is unbelievable,” said Surtain, the Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year.

“They both deserve everything they’ve been nominated for.”

Add in Harris, and they’re finalists for four national awards collectively. Smith and Jones join Clemson’s Lawrence as finalists for the Maxwell Award given to the nation’s top player. Smith is one of three Biletnikoff Awards finalists as the top receiver.

Jones is a finalist for the Davey O’Brien Award for the nation’s best quarterback and Harris remains up for the Doak Walker Award as the top running back.

Smith and Harris opted to return for their senior seasons, and have been better than ever.

All three have put up huge numbers.

■ It would be hard not to get overshadowed at times by Smith and Jones, but Harris has been a scoring machine. Harris leads the nation with 24 rushing touchdowns and his 1,262 yards ranks third. He is already the Alabama career record holder for rushing yards (3,639) and touchdowns (44) and total touchdowns (54).

Harris has accounted for multiple touchdowns eight times this season, scoring three times on catches against Florida in the SEC title game and twice more on rushes.

Afterward he deferred to Jones and Smith in the Heisman talk, but scoffed at any surprise at his receiving abilities.

“I’ve been catching the ball since I was in the fetus,” Harris said. That includes

his days as a teammate of Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book in a 7-on-7 tournament.

“He was by far the best player I’ve played with at that time,” Book said. “There’s no doubt. And he is still one of them for sure. He’s an unbelievable player. Really good person.”

■ Jones has been described as game manager, and he certainly does that well. But he has also proven more than capable of hitting his talented receivers with the deep ball.

Jones leads the nation in efficiency rating (202.35) and completion percentage (76.5) while also ranking second with 32 touchdowns and third at 340 yards per game.

Jones had three straight 400-yard games early in the season and added a fourth against Florida (418 yards, five touchdowns). That’s more than any other ‘Bama quarterback has produced in his career.

“He’s the leader of the offense,” Smith said. “He controls everything.”

■ Smith is producing arguably the best season of any Alabama receiver, including all those recent NFL first-rounders from Julio Jones to Henry Ruggs III and Jerry Jeudy. He’s leading the nation with 98 catches and 1,511 yards and ranks second with 17 touchdowns.

Smith is trying to become the first wide receiver to win the Heisman since Michigan’s Desmond Howard in 1991. The only other receiver to win was Notre Dame’s Tim Brown in 1987.

Alabama’s Amari Cooper finished third in 2014. Smith could best that.

“He’s the most electric player in college football,” Jones said of Smith. “He means the most to us here at Alabama football.”

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Buffalo	11	3	0	0	.786	407	340
Miami	10	5	0	0	.687	378	282
New England	6	8	0	0	.429	289	301
N.Y. Jets	2	13	0	0	.133	229	429

South		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10	5	0	0	.667	423	348
Tennessee	10	5	0	0	.667	450	401
Houston	4	11	0	0	.267	346	423
Jacksonville	1	14	0	0	.067	292	464

North		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	0	.800	394	288
Baltimore	10	5	0	0	.667	430	300
Cleveland	10	5	0	0	.667	384	397
Cincinnati	4	10	1	0	.300	308	386

West		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
zyx-Kansas City	14	1	0	0	.933	452	324
Las Vegas	7	8	0	0	.467	402	447
L.A. Chargers	6	9	0	0	.400	346	405
Denver	5	10	0	0	.333	292	414

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	9	0	0	.400	376	450
Washington	6	9	0	0	.400	315	315
N.Y. Giants	5	10	0	0	.333	257	338
Philadelphia	4	10	1	0	.300	320	398

South		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-New Orleans	11	4	0	0	.733	449	330
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	0	.667	448	328
Carolina	5	10	0	0	.333	343	369
Atlanta	4	11	0	0	.267	369	370

North		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	12	3	0	0	.800	474	353
Chicago	8	7	0	0	.533	356	335
Minnesota	6	9	0	0	.400	393	440
Detroit	5	10	0	0	.333	342	482

West		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Seattle	11	4	0	0	.733	433	348
L.A. Rams	9	6	0	0	.600	354	289
Arizona	8	7	0	0	.533	403	349
San Francisco	6	9	0	0	.400	353	364

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched first round bye
-clinched home-field advantage

Friday’s Game

New Orleans 52, Minnesota 33

Saturday’s Games

Tampa Bay 47, Detroit 7

San Francisco 20, Arizona 12

Miami 26, Las Vegas 25

Sunday’s Games

Baltimore 27, N.Y. Giants 13

Chicago 41, Jacksonville 17

Cincinnati 37, Houston 31

Kansas City 17, Atlanta 14

N.Y. Jets 23, Cleveland 16

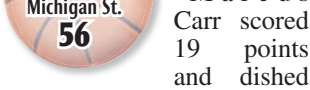
Pittsburgh 28, Indianapolis 24

Carolina 20, Washington 13

L.A. Chargers 19, Denver 16

Dallas 37, Philadelphia 17

Seattle 20, L.A. Rams 9



Minnesota 81
Michigan St. 56
Marcus Carr scored 19 points and dished out five assists for the Gophers (9-1, 2-1 Big Ten), who never trailed and held the sputtering Spartans to 25.7 percent shooting (18 for 70) while outbounding them 52-36.

Aaron Henry, who came off the bench for the first time this season, had 11 points and three assists, both paltry team highs as the Spartans (6-3, 0-3) hit their first 0-3 start in Big Ten play in 19 years.

Minnesota, which beat then-No. 4 Iowa on Friday, has faced and defeated consecutive opponents ranked in the Associated Press poll for the first time since beating Michigan State and Purdue in the Big Ten tournament in 2010. The Gophers have five more games in a row against teams currently in the AP Top 25.

Robbins, the 7-foot transfer from Drake, held his own against Iowa star Luka Garza with 18 points, five rebounds and four blocks on Friday and found more room to roam with a 3-inch edge on Michigan State’s Joey Hauser. Robbins hit a 3-point-

SCOREBOARD

Green Bay 40, Tennessee 14
Monday’s Game
Buffalo at New England

Sunday, Jan. 3
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Chicago, 4:25 p.m.

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.

Las Vegas at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

New Orleans at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.

Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.

Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, Dec. 26
CURE BOWL
Orlando, Fla.

No. 23 Liberty 37, No. 9 Coastal Carolina 34, OT

SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Dallas

No. 16 Louisiana 31, UTSA 24

LENDINGTREE BOWL
Mobile, Ala.

Georgia St. 39, W. Kentucky 21

Tuesday, Dec. 29
CHEEZ-IT BOWL
Orlando, Fla.

No. 18 Miami vs. Oklahoma St., 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

ALAMO BOWL
San Antonio

No. 20 Texas vs. Colorado, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
DUKE’S MAYO BOWL
Charlotte, N.C.

Wisconsin vs. Wake Forest, Noon (ESPN)

COTTON BOWL CLASSIC
Arlington, Texas

No. 8 Oklahoma vs. No. 10 Florida, 7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
ARMED FORCES BOWL
Fort Worth, Texas

No. 22 Tulsa vs. Mississippi St., Noon (ESPN)

ARIZONA BOWL
Tucson, Ariz.

No. 19 San Jose St. vs. Ball State., 2 p.m. (CBSSN)

LIBERTY BOWL
Memphis, Tenn.

West Virginia vs. Army, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

TEXAS BOWL
Houston

TCU vs. Arkansas, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
PEACH BOWL
Atlanta

No. 6 Cincinnati vs. No. 11 Georgia, Noon (ESPN)

CITRUS BOWL
Orlando, Fla.

No. 15 Northwestern vs. Auburn, 1 p.m. (ABC)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL

ROSE BOWL
Arlington, Texas

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Notre Dame, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

SUGAR BOWL
New Orleans

No. 2 Clemson vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 2
GATOR BOWL
Jacksonville, Fla.

No. 24 NC State vs. Kentucky, Noon (ESPN)

OUTBACK BOWL
Tampa, Fla.

No. 7 Indiana vs. Mississippi, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

FIESTA BOWL
Glendale, Ariz.

No. 12 Iowa State vs. No. 25 Oregon, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

ORANGE BOWL
Miami Gardens, Fla.

No. 5 Texas A&M vs. No. 14 North Carolina, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 11
COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Miami Gardens, Fla.

Rose Bowl winner vs. Sugar Bowl winner, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP Top 25 Men’s Basketball Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (62)	7-0	1598	1
2. Baylor (2)	6-0	1537	2
3. Kansas	8-1	1458	3
4. Villanova	8-1	1370	5
5. Houston	7-0	1313	6
6. Wisconsin	8-1	1249	9
7. Tennessee	6-0	1217	8
8. Texas	7-1	1109	10
9. West Virginia	7-2	1080	7
10. Iowa	7-2	1008	4
11. Creighton	7-2	926	13
12. Missouri	6-0	888	14
13. Texas Tech	7-2	821	15

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING DEC. 29							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	To Tell the Truth (N) (DVS)		The Year: 2020 Events that defined the last 12 months. (N) (N)			
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS The team helps Ziva with a task.		FBI "Safe Room" (N) (N)		FBI: Most Wanted "Ironbound" (N) (N)	
NBC (5)(13)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Michael and Jahmar" (N) (N)		Nurses "Incoming; Undisclosed Conditions" Keon's patient goes into early labour. (N) (N)			
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	The Resident "Burn It All Down" (N) (N)		Prodigal Son "Like Father..." (N) (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) (N)	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	American Masters Laura Ingalls Wilder. (N) (N) (N)			Louisia May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women		
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Popstar's Best of 2020 (N) (N) (N)		Tell Me a Story "Ever After" (N) (N) (N)		News	Seinfeld (N) (N) (N)
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Dateline A celebration ends in murder.		Chicago P.D. "Trigger" (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue" (N) (N) (N)	
WCUI (26)	Mike & Molly	Popstar's Best of 2020 (N) (N) (N)		Tell Me a Story "Ever After" (N) (N) (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "All Hearts Lead Home" (N) (N)		Highway to Heaven "Plane Death" (N) (N)		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish (N) (N)	black-ish (N) (N)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) (N)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile" (N) (N)		The First 48 "A Man's Game" (N) (N)		:01 The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" (N) (N)	
AMC	:00 *** My Cousin Vinny Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei. (N) (N)	*** My Cousin Vinny '92, Comedy)			*** The Intern '15, Comedy-Drama) Robert De Niro. (N) (N)		
Animal	Insane	Insane Pools: Deeper Dive			Treehouse Masters:		
BET	New Edition	The New Edition Story "Part Two" (N) (N)				New Edtn	
Big Ten	Ohio State	Ohio State		Ohio State		Ohio	
Bravo	:00 *** 13 Going on 30 Jennifer Garner. (N) (N)	*** 13 Going on 30 '04)		Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo, Judy Greer. (N) (N)			
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Long Shot '19)	*** Luv '12) Common, Michael Rainey Jr. (N) (N)		:35 *** Safe House '12, Action) Denzel Washington. (N) (N)			
CMT	Last Man	Dunham		Jeff Dunham Special		Cheerleaders	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		The Profit (N) (N)		Streets of Dreams	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Single Malt Moonshine" (N) (N)				Lone Star Law: Patrol and Protect	
Disney	Raven	Raven	Raven	Raven	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Off Grid	World's Most		Unbelievable Builds		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	College Football: Cheez-It Bowl			College Football: Valero Alamo Bowl			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNc	Football	College Football From Nov. 28, 2009.			College Basketball		
Food	Chopped	Chopped (N) (N)		Chopped (N) (N)		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) (N)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Pistons				Pistons	Pistons	Focused
Freefrm	6:30 *** Jumanji '95, Children's) Robin Williams. (N) (N)	*** Shrek '01, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. (N) (N)					
FX	Bad El Royale	*** Kingsman: The Secret Service '14, Action) Colin Firth. A dapper spy takes a troubled youth under his wing. (N) (N)					
Golf	:00 TaylorMade Driving Relief (N) (N)						GOLF Films (N) (N)
Hallmark	Cmas Evergr.	*** Cross Country Christmas '20) Rachael Leigh Cook, Greyson Holt. (N) (N)				A Christmas Tree Grows in Colorado	
HBO	** Last Christmas	I Used to Go Here '20, Comedy) Gillian Jacobs. (N) (N)			His Dark Materials "Asahaeatr" (N) (N)		Years Prisoner
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Fixer to	Fixer to Fabulous (N) (N)		Fixer to Fabulous (N) (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	7 Little Johnstons		Fat Fabulous		Welcome	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles (N) (N)		:03 Rizzoli & Isles (N) (N)		:03 The Closer "Pilot" (N) (N)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Twilight	Teen Mom 2 (N) (N)		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Wizards			Postgame		World Poker Tour	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 360	NFL Football Teams TBA. (Taped) (N) (N)				
Nick	Astro	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N) (N)		Atlas of Cursed		Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries (N) (N)		Unsolved Mysteries (N) (N)		Unsolved Mysteries (N) (N)	
Parmt	Shooter	*** Four Brothers '05) (N) (N)			*** Con Air		
Showtime	:00 Assault in the Ring (N) (N)	Boxing 2020		Inside the NFL (N) (N)		Shameless (N) (N)	
Starz	6:53 *** Jumanji: The Next Level '19) Kevin Hart. (N) (N)	Power Book II: Ghost "Monster" (N) (N)			:02 *** 21 Jump Street '12) (N) (N)		
STZENC	5:42 *** Titanic '97) Leonardo DiCaprio. (N) (N)	*** Tootsie '82, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange, Teri Garr. (N) (N)					
SyFy	6:00 *** 2012 '09) John Cusack. A global cataclysm nearly wipes out humanity.				*** The Day After Tomorrow '04) Dennis Quaid. (N) (N)		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	Bells Are Ringing	*** The Graduate '67, Comedy-Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft. (N) (N)			*** Sweet Bird of Youth '62) (N) (N)		
TMC	The Gentlemen	*** Terminator 2: Judgment Day '91) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. (N) (N)					The Last Castle
TNT	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Miami Heat. (L)						
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Threshold of Doom" (N) (N)					The Dead Files
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	:45 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: SVU	:12 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
VH1	Martin	*** Class Act '92) Christopher Reid. (N) (N)					HseParty
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) (N)		NewsNation (N) (L) (N)		NewsNation (N) (L) (N)	

Discussing sex life with ex is the final straw for wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 19 years now. A few years back, I came to know about my husband's platonic relationship with his old girlfriend. She lives in a different state and is married.

My husband has long chats with her every day about everything, including our sex life. I confronted him and asked him to end their relationship because knowing that he wants me to do something in bed because his friend does it bothers me a lot. He promised at the time that he wouldn't talk or chat with her anymore, and I trusted him.

A few weeks ago, I discovered that he still chats with her every day, and he changed her name in his contact list to hide his relationship. I feel cheated on, and I want to end this marriage. Please help me. I don't want to make a wrong step. — Betrayed In Florida

DEAR BETRAYED: A couple's sex life is supposed to be private. Your husband and his supposedly platonic "friend" have both betrayed

the trust of their spouses. That he would expect you to do something in bed that he knows she is doing is substituting your body for hers, and frankly, it strikes me as another form of cheating. Obscuring her name in his contact file illustrates that he has no intention of ending their relationship.

You feel cheated on because you HAVE been cheated on. It will continue as long as you allow it. Because you're afraid you will take a wrong step, start quietly gathering all the financial information you can and talk with several lawyers before deciding which one will work hardest to protect your interests and proceed from there.

DEAR ABBY: Due to COVID shutting schools down, my employer is now allowing staff to bring their kids to work if they don't have alternative child care. I bring my 8-year-old, and I have seen many other kids around. Most of them are well behaved and don't cause any problems.

However, we have a new employee, "Michelle," who has started bringing her 4-year-old with her. The child, I'll call her Autumn, is in her mother's office, but she's so loud, she can be heard all the way

across the building! I thought surely Michelle would close her office door and contain Autumn's "jolly" voice inside her own area, but she seems perfectly happy to let her daughter make as much noise as she wants.

I don't understand this. Other parents make sure their kids behave and act appropriately. What can I do to let Michelle and my supervisor know that while yes, she can bring her child with her, it's still her responsibility to make sure the kid isn't creating a distraction? — Tired Of The Noise

DEAR TIRED OF THE NOISE: I do not think it would be prudent to talk about this with Michelle, which is sure to make her defensive. You should, however, inform your supervisor that because Michelle's door is left open, her daughter's "jolly" voice is creating a distraction. If it has been causing a problem for you, the chances are it is doing the same for other employees and reducing productivity.

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Parent asks advice for keeping teens from premarital sex

DEAR CAROLYN: Do you have specific advice for teenagers (especially girls) to keep them from premarital sex, or are you one who smiles and says, "You are not mature, but if you must, here is a condom."

I need every trick in the book to make sure my kids never go down that road! — Richmond

DEAR RICHMOND: No, you don't. You need a clear, coherent, lifelong, well-thought-out message that reflects your values and shows respect both for your kids' intelligence and for the strength of their hormones.

And, your kids need to know your love isn't contingent upon their following the exact road you choose for them, because they won't follow it exactly; you might as well accept that now.

If they know you will love them regardless, though, and if you teach them the importance of good choices, they'll find their own way, for their own reasons — which is the whole point. In fact, the better you raise them, the more independent-minded they'll be.

Carolyn Hax



Tricks, on the other hand, are advance admissions of defeat, declarations that your kids can't control themselves so you must control them. That pressure will annoy them — and the annoyed kids of parents who fear premarital sex know exactly how to get their revenge.

And oh my goodness, lose the revolting, sexist double-standard.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am single with no children, but I volunteer as a Little League baseball coach. I catch the usual grief from parents who think their kid should be playing more or playing a different position or (fill in the blank).

My girlfriend, who comes to our games, overheard one of these conversations and just lit, calmly but very firmly, into the parent on my behalf.

On the one hand, I loved her for it, but on the other it was quite embarrassing to me. How do I tell her I appreciate her concern but her approach was not how I prefer to handle such situations?

We have been dating seven months and see a long-term future together. — Chicago

DEAR CAROLYN: On behalf of all of us who wish we'd been there, I ask you please to consider not silencing her. It's something you

should consider on your own behalf, too, but for different reasons.

You say yourself you loved her for it. Could it be this is just new for you and worth getting used to? Plus, her willingness to take on a carping Little League parent, (presumably) unarmed, suggests she has a strong character and isn't afraid to use it.

This, in turn, suggests the beat-down in the bleachers was neither the first nor anywhere near the last time she'd use it in public.

Therefore, it might be more realistic to see this not as what she did, but who she is, and therefore part of any future you have together.

If you thought her stepping in was inappropriate in this one situation, certainly you can thank her, applaud her guts and explain you'd rather the parents hear directly from you. It's a narrow request, worth her respect.

Still, this also raises a new argument for not saying anything: It happened once. At least let it happen with one or two (or 172) more obnoxious parents before you bench her.

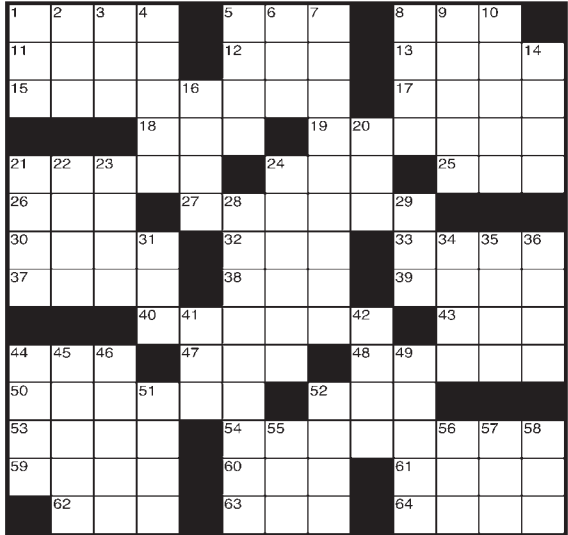
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Adorn richly
5 Unopened flower
8 Weep loudly
11 Omigosh!
12 Tempe inst.
13 Far East nanny
15 Pranks
17 Fish habitat
18 Horse's morsel
19 Family member
21 TV awards
24 — out (relax)
25 Stock ending
26 — -tzu
27 Got a cab
30 Orpheus played it
32 Chaperoned girl
33 Greek letters
37 Many millennia
38 Molecular bio. topic
39 Blow gently

40 Get even for
43 Bikini top
44 Invite
47 Miscellany
48 Stone-worker
50 Near (2 wds.)
52 Ad —
53 Recover
54 Not yet confirmed
59 Munro's pen name
60 Kiosk buy
61 Challenge
62 With, to Fritz
63 Sailing site
64 To be, to Balzac

DOWN
1 Workout venue
2 VI halved
3 Vinyl records
4 Artificial duck
5 Fishing lure
6 Function
7 Travel gear (2 wds.)
8 Season
9 Plains tribe



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles. one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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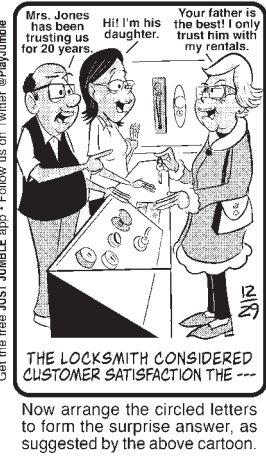
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Yesterday's Jumbles: ENTRY HOUND HINDER CHANGE

Answer: They made a giant pinata for the party which was a — HUGE HIT



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

BRIDGE

Textbooks for beginners give the usual number of high-card points needed to make a game or slam. But as they soon learn, these are only guidelines. In particular, when you have a long solid suit, you will not need nearly so many points.

Take a look at today's deal. What can South make? How should the auction continue from the given start? (Yes, West would have made life harder if he had bid four hearts.) North has a much better hand than he might. He can tell partner with a four-heart control-bid. Then South should control-bid four spades. North might just jump to six clubs, or he could use Roman Key Card Blackwood first.

In six clubs, declarer

wins with dummy's heart ace, draws trumps and plays a diamond to the jack. When that wins, he needs to judge his opponent. Would East hold up the king? Not many players would, especially in a slam. But the safe play is to ruff the heart three in hand and lead a low spade toward the queen. Then South gets home as long as West has one of the pointed-suit kings.

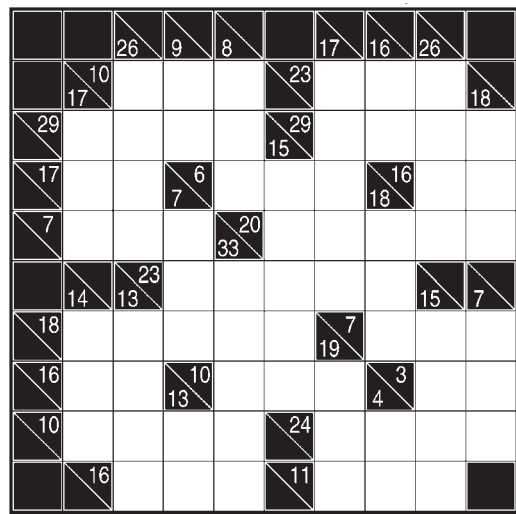
However, if declarer is confident that East does not have the diamond king, he should play a spade to his ace and cash all of his trumps. As the last one is played, everyone has four cards. South has two spades, one diamond and one club. West holds the spade king and three diamonds. Dummy retains

North		12-29-20	
♠	Q 8 7 3		
♥	A 3		
♦	A Q J 9 6		
♣	10 9		
West		East	
♠	K 6 2	♠	J 10 4
♥	9 6 4	♥	K Q J 8 7 5 2
♦	K 10 8 5 2	♦	7
♣	8 5	♣	J 4
South			
♠	A 9 5		
♥	10		
♦	4 3		
♣	A K Q 7 6 3 2		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	3♥
4♣	Pass	??	
Opening lead: ♥4			

the spade queen and ace-queen-nine of diamonds.

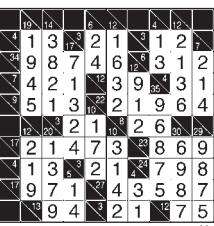
On the last trump, West must discard a diamond. So dummy releases the spade queen and takes the last three tricks in diamonds via a second finesse. It is a textbook simple squeeze.

KAKURO



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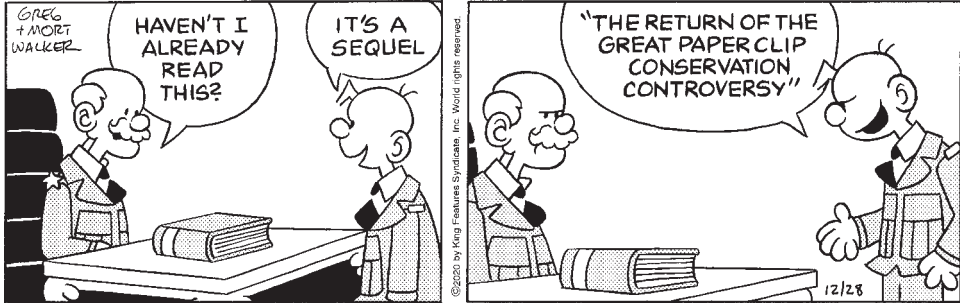


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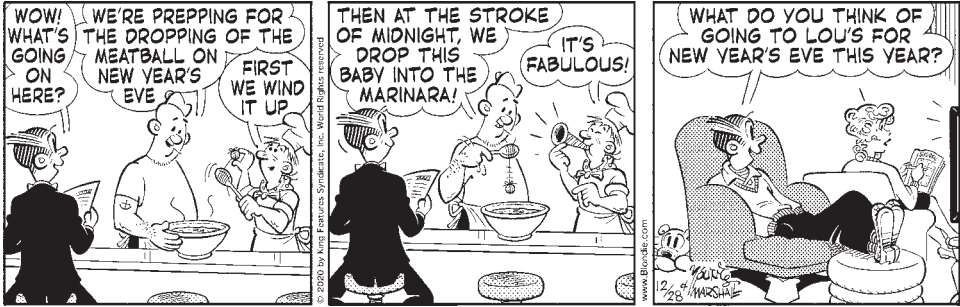
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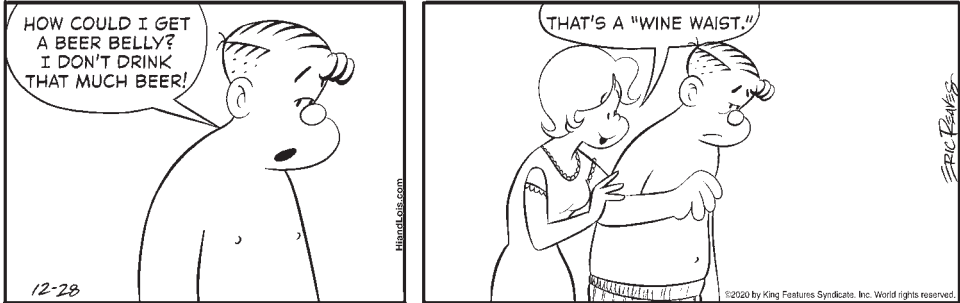
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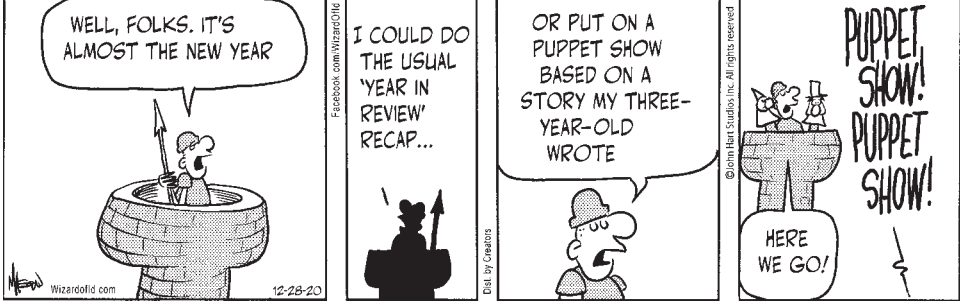
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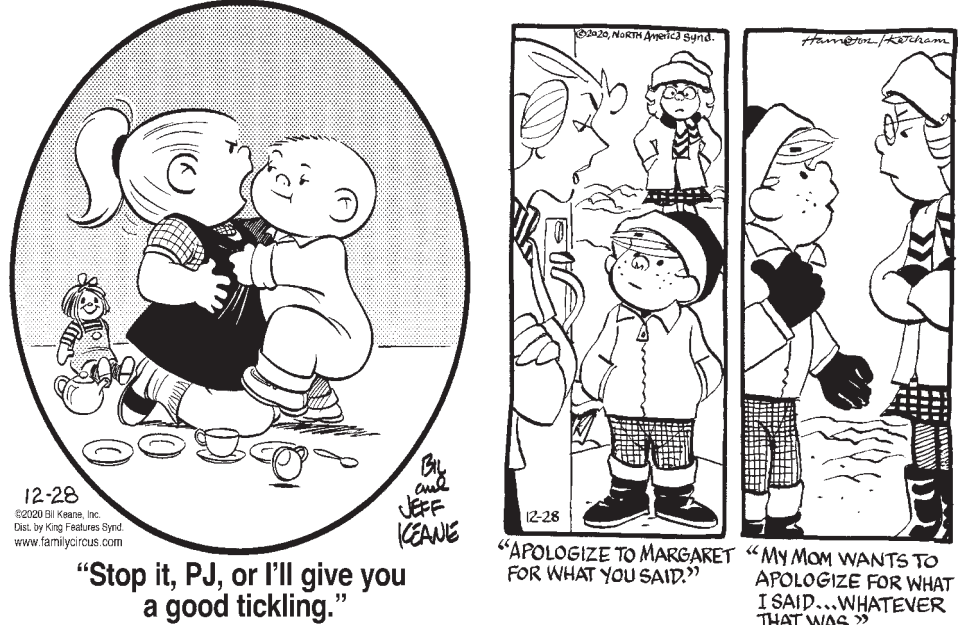


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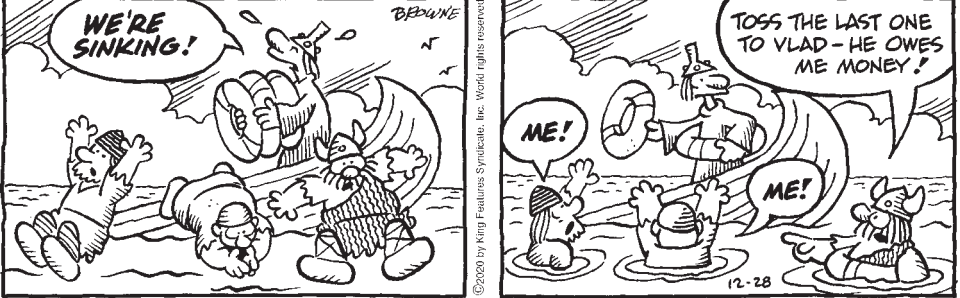
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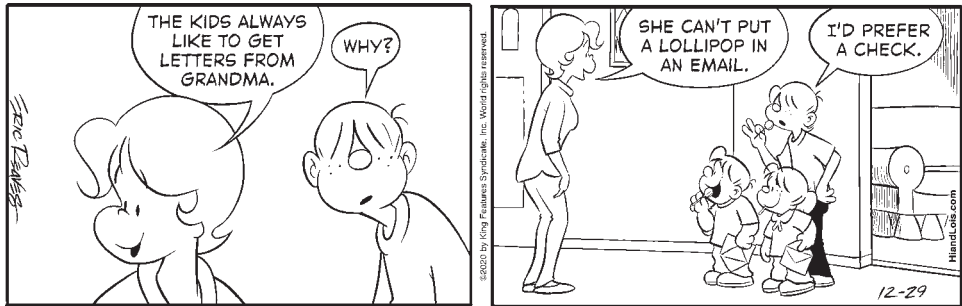
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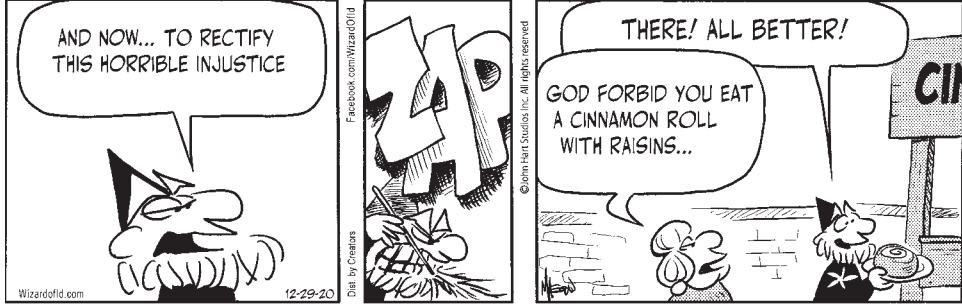
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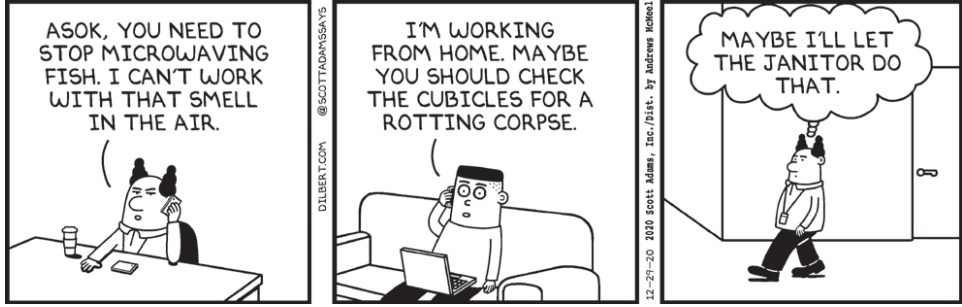
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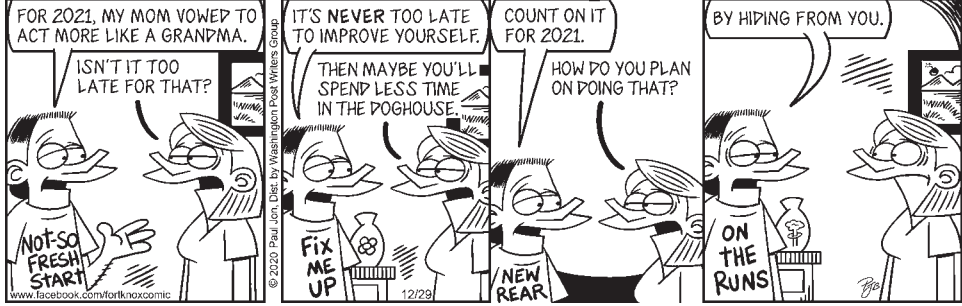
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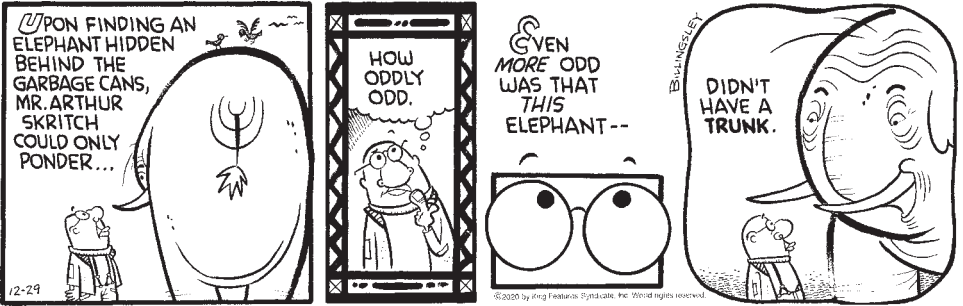
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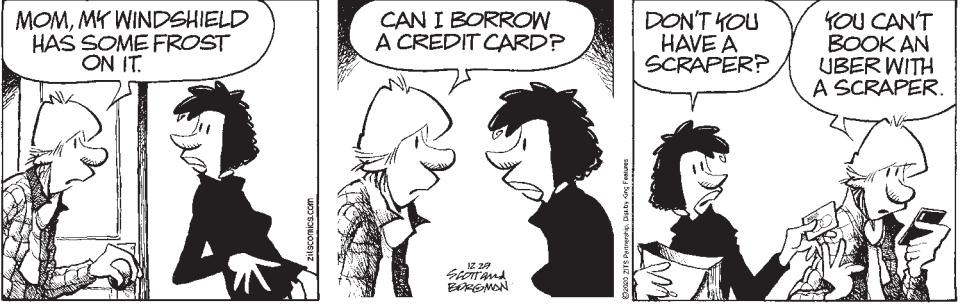
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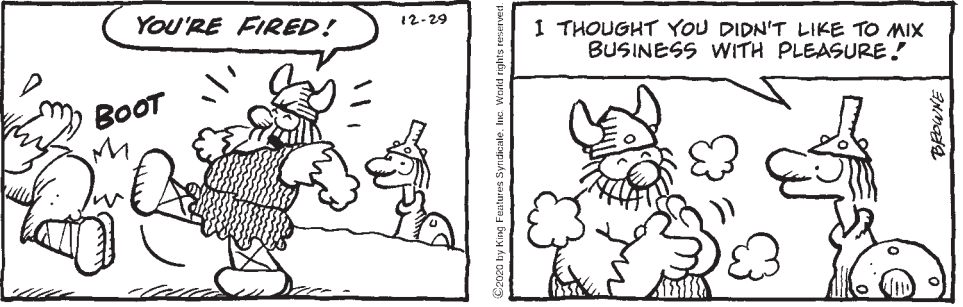
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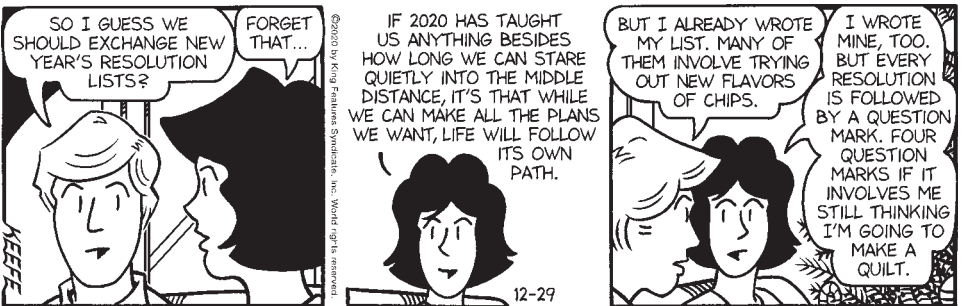
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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Strive for perfection, and be creative and compassionate. You will gain incredible support that will help tip the scale in your favor this year. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. Aim to make your voice heard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Knowing where you will be most effective will help you avoid setbacks. Don't expect everyone to agree with you, but be smart and offer incentives to offset negativity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Refuse to let someone step in and take over when you know what you want and how to go about getting your way. Don't back down when you should push forward. Choose fitness instead of indulgence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Don't expect everyone to be upfront or honest with you. Verify what you hear before you share information with others. Home and professional improvements will benefit you mentally and emotionally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Be a good listener, and you will avoid a confrontation that can cost you. Look at change as a path to a better future. A contract or partnership looks promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Reaching out to a friend, relative or peer may be helpful in some way, but it may also lead to uncertainty regarding what to do next. Follow a path based on knowledge and facts to new beginnings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Don't neglect someone you love. Nurturing relationships will help control discord. Financial improvement will require a strict budget. Prohibit emotional spending.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Find unique ways to socialize without jeopardizing anyone's health. Refuse to let an outsider bring you down or interfere with your plans. You are perfect just the way you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 A change someone makes will not be in your best interest. Look inward and find ways to grow personally, spiritually and emotionally. Make health, fitness and a proper diet your priorities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Once you have done all the preliminary work to ensure success, a change will unfold. Refuse to let anyone meddle in your personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Concentrate on personal gains, physical fitness and mastering the skills required to pursue your goal. Romance is on the rise, but the truth may be an issue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 Trust in your intuition and ability to get things done. Don't feel you have to initiate a change because someone wants you to make a move. Handle your money carefully to avoid loss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Keep busy doing what will bring you the highest return. Personal improvement will boost your confidence. Follow your heart, and pursue your passion.

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